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PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Governor of Madras.

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. the *Viscount* GOSCHEN OF HAWKHURST, G.C.I.E., G.B.E. Took his seat on 14th April 1924.

Members of the Executive Council.

1. The hon. Sir CHETPUT PATTABHIRAMA RAMASWAMI AYYAR, K.C.I.E., Law Member. Took his seat on 12th February 1923 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Civil Justice.
Criminal Justice (including petitions for mercy).
Elections.
Electricity (including hydro-electric schemes).
Foreigners.
Fortnightly report.
Irrigation.
Landlord and tenant.
Legislative.
Magistracy.
Marine.
Miscellaneous Judicial heads.
Passports.
Police including Criminal Investigation Department.
Press and registration of books.
Publicity including Editors' Table.
Railways.
Report on matters of political and administrative importance.
State prisoners.
Translators to Government.

2. The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Member in charge of Revenue. Took his seat on 27th December 1924 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Agency.
Constitution of districts, divisions and taluks.
Court of Wards.
Economic condition (including prices and wages).
Escheats.
Famine.
General (i.e., questions of a general nature which cannot be allocated to any particular department).
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Indian Civil Service—Questions other than leave and appointments.
Land Revenue, Survey and Settlement.
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Wild animals.
Yeomiahs, inams and hereditary pensions.

3. The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur, Home Member. Took his seat on the 30th March 1925 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Administration report.
Air-craft.
Arms and explosives.
Boilers.
Census.
Certificate of age and qualification.
Criminal Tribes.
Depressed classes.
Emigration.
Forests (including cinchona).
Government Houses.
Jails.
Labour (including factories).
Laccadives.
Pilgrims to the Hedjaz.
Reformatories.
Regulation of medical and other professional qualifications and standards.
Rewards for saving life and property.
Staff and household of His Excellency the Governor.
Stamps.
Stationery and Government Presses.

4. The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR, C.S.I., I.C.S., Finance Member. Took his seat on 27th April 1925 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Central subjects—
Archæology and Epigraphy.
Customs (including trade).
Ecclesiastical.
Income-tax.
Meteorology.
Opium.
Political (other than matters relating to Indian States).
Central Subjects—*cont.*
Post Office.
Salt
Telegraphs and telephones.
European education.
Finance.
Military.
Move of Government to the Hills.
Pensions.

Ministers.

1. The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL, Minister for Local Self-Government. Took his seat on 19th November 1923 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Adulteration of foodstuffs.
Local.
Medical.
Municipal.
Light-feeder Railways and Tramways within municipal areas.
Public Health.
Religious and Charitable Endowments.

2. The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO, *Kt.*, Minister for Education and Public Works. Took his seat on 19th November 1923 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Education.
Excise.
Public Works.
Registration.

3. The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI Avargal, Minister for Development. Took his seat on 19th November 1923 and is in charge of the following portfolios :—

Agriculture.
Co-operative Societies.
Fisheries.
Industries.
Veterinary.
Weights and Measures.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.

Deputy President.

M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E.

Panel of Chairmen.

M.R.Ry. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR Avargal.
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Assistant Secretary to the Council.

M.R.Ry. C. SATAGOPA ACHARIYAR Avargal, B.A.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Name of member.	Name of constituency.
1. Abbas Ali Khan Bahadur	Madura, Trichinopoly *cum* Srirangam, M. Urban.
2. Abdul Hye Sahib Bahadur	Ceded Districts, M. Rural.
3. Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur, Munshi.	Northern Circars, M. Rural.
4. Abdulla Ghatala Sahib Bahadur (Council Secretary).	North Arcot *cum* Chingleput, M. Rural.
5. Adinarayana Chetti, T.	North Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
6. Anjaneyulu, P.	Guntur, N.-M. Rural.
7. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur, S. R. Y.	Northern Landholders II.
8. Appavu Chettiyar, D.	Salem, N.-M. Rural.
9. Ari Gowder, H. B.	Nilgiris, N.-M. Rural.
10 Arpudaswami Udayar, S. (Council Secretary).	Tanjore, Trichinopoly *cum* Madura, Indian Christian.
11. Arumuga Nadar, P. K. S. A.	NOMINATED for Nadars.
12. Bhanoji Rao, A. V.	Vizagapatam, N.-M. Urban.
13. Biswanath Das Mahasayo, Sriman	Ganjam, N.-M. Rural.
14. Boag, I.C.S., G. T.	NOMINATED. (Secretary to Government, Finance Department.)
15. Bracken, I.C.S., G. T. H.	NOMINATED. (Secretary to Government, Development Department.)
16. Chidambara Nadar, A.	Madura, N.-M. Rural.
17. Cruz Fernandez, Rao Bahadur.	Ramnad *cum* Tinnevelly, Indian Christian.
18. Davis, J. A.	NOMINATED for Anglo-Indians.
19. Devendrudu, N.	NOMINATED for Adi-Andhras.
20. Ellappa Chettiyar, Rao Sahib S.	Salem, N.-M. Rural.
21. Ethirajulu Nayudu, Diwan Bahadur P. C.	Guntur, N.-M. Rural.
22. Gangaraju, M.	Kistna, N.-M. Rural.
23. Ghouse Mian Sahib Bahadur, Muhammad.	Central Districts, M. Rural.
24. Gopala Menon, C.	S.I. Chamber of Commerce.
25. Gopalan, Rao Sahib P. V.	NOMINATED for Mukkuvans or Fishermen.
26. Guruswami, L. C.	NOMINATED for Arundhateyas.
27. Haji Qasim Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur Haji Abdulla (Chairman).	South Kanara, M. Rural.

Name of member.	Name of constituency.
28. Hegde, D. Manjayya [a]	South Kanara, N.-M. Rural.
29. Kesava Pillai, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur P. (Deputy President).	Anantapur, N.-M. Rural.
30. Khadir Mohiddin Elyas Khan Sahib Bahadur.	East Coast M.
31. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur P.	Madura *cum* Trichinopoly, M. Rural.
32. Koti Reddi, K.	Cuddapah, N.-M. Rural.
33. Krishna Rao Pantulu, Rao Bahadur A. S.	Nellore, N.-M. Rural.
34. Krishnan Nayar, Diwan Bahadur M.	Malabar *cum* Anjengo, N.-M. Rural.
35. Krishnaswami Nayudu, Rao Bahadur K.	North Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
36. Kuppuswami, J.	Guntur, N.-M. Rural.
37. Legh, C.I.E., I.C.S., E. W. ...	NOMINATED. (Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.)
38. Madanagopal Nayudu, R. ...	Madras City, N.-M. Urban.
39. Madhava Raja, V.	Malabar *cum* Anjengo, N.-M. Rural
40. Madurai, Hony. Lt.	NOMINATED for Adi-Dravidas.
41. Mallesappa, T.	NOMINATED for Lingayats.
42. Marakkayar Sahib Bahadur, V. Hamid Sultan.	Tanjore, M. Rural.
43. Marjoribanks, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., The hon. Mr. N. E.	EX-OFFICIO.
44. Marthandam Pillai, P. N. ...	Tinnevelly, N.-M. Rural.
45. Maruthavanam Pillai, C. ...	Tanjore, N.-M. Rural.
46. Moidu Sahib Bahadur, T. M. ...	Malabar *cum* Anjengo, M. Rural.
47. Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., The hon. Mr. T. E.	EX-OFFICIO.
48. Moosa Sait Sahib Bahadur, Muhammad.	Madras, M. Urban.
49. Muhammad Sahib Bahadur, T. N.	Ramnad *cum* Tinnevelly, M. Rural.
50. Muniswami Nayudu, B. ...	Chittoor N.-M. Rural.
51. Murugappa Chettiyar, Rao Bahadur A. M. M.	Nattukottai Nagarathars.
52. Muttayya Mudaliyar, C. ...	Chingleput, N.-M. Rural.
53. Muttayya Mudaliyar, S. ...	Tanjore, N.-M. Rural.
54. Muttu Chettiyar, P. C. ...	Ramnad, N.-M. Rural.
55. Narasimhacharlu, Rai Bahadur T. M. (Chairman).	Cuddapah, N.-M. Rural.

[a] Took his seat on the 19th August 1925.

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Name of member.	Name of constituency.
56. Narasimha Raju, Rao Bahadur C. V. S.	Vizagapatam, N.-M. Rural.
57. Narayanan Nambudiripad, Rao Bahadur O. M.	NOMINATED for Nambudiris.
58. Narayanaswami Pillai, T. M. ...	Trichinopoly, N.-M. Rural.
59. Natesa Mudaliyar, Rao Bahadur C.	Madras, N.-M. Urban.
60. Nicholson, L. C.	Madras Trades.
61. Obalesappa, B.	NOMINATED for Maruthuvakulars (Barbers).
62. Pantulu Ayyar, V., *alias* Venkatarama Ayyar.	Tanjore, N.-M. Rural.
63. Partridge, P. W.	Madras European.
64. Patro, *Kt.*, The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. (Minister.)	Ganjam, N.-M. Rural.
65. Peddiraju, P.	Kistna, N.-M. Rural.
66. Ponnuswami Nayudu, C. ...	Madura, N.-M. Rural.
67. Ponnuswami Pillai, K. S. ...	NOMINATED for Protestant Christians.
68. Prabhakaran Tampan, K. ...	West Coast Landholders.
69. Premayya, G.	NOMINATED for Adi-Andhras.
70. Raghuchandra Ballal, K. ...	NOMINATED for Jains.
71. Raja, Rao Bahadur M. C. ...	NOMINATED for Depressed Classes.
72. Raja of Kurupam	Northern Landholders I.
73. Raja of Panagal, The hon. the (Minister.)	North Central Landholders.
74. Raja of Ramnad	Southern Landholders.
75. Rajan, P. T.	Madura, N.-M. Rural.
76. Rajappa Tevar, P. S.	NOMINATED for Kallars.
77. Rama Rao, Rao Sahib U. ...	South Kanara, N.-M. Rural.
78. Ramachandra Reddi, B. ...	Nellore, N.-M. Rural.
79. Ramachari, Rao Sahib K. V. ...	Madura, N.-M. Urban.
80. Ramalinga Chettiyar, Rao Bahadur T. A.	Coimbatore, N.-M. Rural.
81. Ramalinga Reddi, C.	Chittoor, N.-M. Rural.
82. Raman, Rao Bahadur P. ...	NOMINATED for Tiyyas.
83. Ramaswami Ayyar, K.C.I.E., The hon. Sir C. P.	EX-OFFICIO.
84. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, A. (Chairman.)	Chingleput, N.-M. Rural.
85. Rameswara Rao, G.	Anantapur, N.-M. Rural.
86. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, A. ...	Bellary, N.-M. Rural.
87. Ratnaswami, M.	Central Districts Indian Christian.
88. Rencontre, A. E.	Anglo-Indian.
89. Ross, Thomas McKenzie ...	Madras Chamber of Commerce.
90. Sagaram, P.	NOMINATED for Setti-Balijas.
91. Saldanha, J. A.	West Coast Indian Christian.
92. Samuel, J. D.	Northern Districts Indian Christian.
93. Sarabha Reddi, K.	Kurnool, N.-M. Rural.

Name of member.	Name of constituency
94. Sarvarayudu, K.	Kistna, N.-M. Rural.
95. Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo, Sriman. (Chairman.)	Ganjam, N.-M. Rural.
96. Satyamurti, S.	Madras University.
97. Seetayya, M.	Kistna, N.-M. Rural.
98. Sesha Reddi, B. P.	Kurnool, N.-M. Rural.
99. Seturatnam Ayyar, M. R. ...	Trichinopoly, N.-M. Rural.
100. Simpson, *Kt.*, Sir James ...	Madras Chamber of Commerce.
101. Sitarama Reddi, K.	South Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
102. Siva Rao, P.	Bellary, N.-M. Rural.
103. Sivagnanam Pillai, The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. (Minister.)	Tinnevelly, N.-M. Rural.
104. Srinivasa Ayyangar, R. ...	South Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
105. Srinivasan, R.	NOMINATED for Adi-Dravidas.
106. Subbarayan, Dr. P.	South Central Landholders.
107. Subrahmanya Pillai, K. Chavadi.	Tinnevelly *cum* Palamcottah, N.-M. Urban.
108. Sundaramurti, Rao Sahib P. V. S.	NOMINATED for Adi-Dravidas.
109. Suryanarayanamurti Nayudu, Diwan Bahadur K.	Cocanada, N.-M. Urban.
110. Swamikannu Pillai, C.I.E., I.S.O., The hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. (President, Legislative Council.)	NOMINATED.
111. Tangavelu Pillai, Rao Sahib T. C. (Council Secretary.)	Trichinopoly *cum* Srirangam, N.-M. Urban.
112. Tanikachala Chettiyar, Rao Bahadur O.	Madras, N.-M. Urban.
113. Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K. ...	Malabar *cum* Anjengo, M. Rural.
114. Usman Sahib Bahadur, The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad.	EX-OFFICIO.
115. Veerian, R.	NOMINATED for Adi-Dravidas.
116. Vellingiri Gounder, V. C. ...	Coimbatore, N.-M. Rural.
117. Venkatachala Padayachi, K. ...	South Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
118. Venkatachalam Chettiyar, S. ...	Madras, N.-M. Urban.
119. Venkatapati Razu, P. C. ...	Vizagapatam N.-M. Rural.
120. Venkatarama Sastriyar, T. R. ..	NOMINATED. (*Advocate-General.*)
121. Venkataramana Ayyangar, C. V.	Coimbatore, N.-M. Rural.
122. Venkataratnam, B.	Godavari, N.-M. Rural.
123. Venkatareddi Nayudu, *Kt.*, Rai Bahadur Sir K.	Do.
124. Vijiaraghava Mudaliyar, Diwan Bahadur W.	North Arcot, N.-M. Rural.
125. Virappa Chettiyar, Rao Bahadur P. K. A. Ct.	Ramnad, N.-M. Rural.
126. Windle, Capt. E. G. ...	Madras Planters.
127. Zamindar of Kallikota and Atagada Estates.	NOMINATED for backward tracts.

SPECIAL MEMBERS.

Name of member.	Purpose for which nominated.
128. Cameron, C.I.E., I.M.S., Lieut.-Col. J. P.	NOMINATED for the Borstal Bill. (Inspector-General of Prisons.)
129. Campbell, D.S.O., M.V.O., R.I.M., Capt. C. R.	NOMINATED for the Cochin Port Trust Bill. (Presidency Port Officer.)
130. Grieve, R. G.[a]	NOMINATED for the Andhra University Bill. (Director of Public Instruction.)
131. Jourdain, P. F. G.	NOMINATED for the Cochin Port Trust Bill. (Port Officer, Cochin.)
132. Krishnama Achariyar, Rao Bahadur V. T.	NOMINATED for the Borstal Bill. (Secretary to Government, Law Department.)
133. Ramachandra Ayyar, Diwan Bahadur T. R.	NOMINATED for the Malabar Tenancy Bill.
134. Raman Menon, K. P.	Do.
135. Symons, Maj.-Genl. T. H. ...	NOMINATED for the Registration of Nurses and Midwives Bill. (Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras.)
136. Venkataratnam Nayudu, *Kt.*, Diwan Bahadur Sir R.[b]	NOMINATED for the Andhra University Bill. (Vice-Chancellor, Madras University.)

[a] Took his seat on the 19th August 1925. | [b] Took his seat on the 25th August 1925.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Fourth Sessio ι of the Second Legislative Council under the Government of India Act.

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Tuesday, the 18th August 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

I

NEW MEMBERS.

The following Members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown:—

M.R.Ry. B. P. SESHA REDDI Garu.

,, R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU Garu.

Mr. E. W. LEGH, C.I.E., I.C.S.

,, G. T. BOAG, I.C.S.

Sahib Mehrban-i-dostan Sri RAMACHANDRA MARDARAJA DEO.

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II

OPENING OF THE SESSION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

[NOTE.—**An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates reivsion by the Member.**]

* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR addressed the Council thus:—

"Mr. President and hon. Members of the Legislative Council,—It is just a year to-day since I had the pleasure of welcoming hon. Members of this House at the commencement of a session and of reviewing in advance the legislative measures which were being placed before you for your consideration. It is once more my privilege to meet hon. Members and inform the House of the principal items of Government business which we propose to bring forward during the current session. Before however I do this, I would like to refer to the loss which this Council and the Presidency in general has sustained since last I addressed you in the death of one of our foremost citizens who was at one time a familiar figure in this Chamber. We shall miss the sage counsel and strong personality of Sir Tyagaraya Chetti, and I feel sure hon. Members will wish to place on record their sense of the loss which this House has sustained by reason of his death.

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" When I addressed the Legislative Council last August, one of the subjects which was engaging the attention of the Government was the Mettur project and I stated then that we proposed to place before the House a resolution asking for your approval of the project. Hon. Members will share with my Government the satisfaction we feel that as a result of the conclusion of negotiations with Mysore we were enabled to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State to the construction of a project which will not only help to irrigate over 300,000 acres of fresh land but will also protect and safeguard the existing irrigation system in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore districts. I need not remind you that the land to be newly brought under irrigation has been until now a comparatively barren upland tract and the reclamation of the inhabitants of that locality who to a large extent belong to the Kallar community will be one of the notable results which we hope to achieve by the fruition of this scheme. It was my privilege to inaugurate this great scheme on the 20th July last, and I was gratified to observe the presence of several Members of this House who proved the interest they felt in the project by undertaking the long motor journey to
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the site of the inauguration ceremony. Before I leave this subject, I should like to congratulate my hon. Colleague Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar and all those who have worked under him on the success that has attended their unflagging efforts to promote one of India's greatest irrigation projects.

" I took the opportunity on the occasion to which I have just referred to mention the schemes of hydro-electric development which as the House are aware has been engaging the attention of Government for some time past. It is the object of my Government to initiate and push through as expeditiously as possible certain schemes for the cheap production of power from hydro-electric centres. The most promising of the schemes is the one in relation to the Pykhara waterfalls which the Government are anxious to inaugurate not only because of the natural facilities of the particular locality but because for various reasons it will in our opinion be the best object-lesson to the people at large of the advantages of cheap power. Certain negotiations which have been pending for the purpose of enabling the Government to reacquire control over the water-power in the locality and to repurchase the concession that had been granted by the Madras Government before they envisaged schemes for the utilization of such power have just now been happily concluded and I trust that it will be possible to start work at a very early period. Hon. Members of this Council will also be interested to learn that a joint investigation of hydro-electric possibilities in South India is now being carried on by the Government and the South Indian Railway Company and if, as is hoped, the results of such investigation are favourable, the subject of electrification of part at least of the South Indian Railway will come within the range of practical politics. Such electrification will not only be of great use from the railway point of view but will establish centres of distribution and utilization of our power resources.

" As hon. Members of this Council must have seen, the Governor-General in Council, with the sanction of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, has issued certain orders on the subject of financing of branch lines in supersession of all previous orders. There has been considerable discussion in the Press and elsewhere on certain aspects of this resolution and a

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conference was recently held at Ootacamund at which representatives of my Government, of the Railway Board and of selected District Boards were present. It is my earnest hope that a *modus vivendi* may be reached which will be acceptable to the District Boards and the public of this Presidency and will at the same time permit of a steady and continuous expansion of railway facilities in this province. It is a matter for profound gratification that the Government of India and the Railway Board have set before themselves a fairly comprehensive programme of railway development spread over the next few years to which, from all that can be gathered, immediate attention will be directed.

"Acting on the reports of the District Magistrate and the Deputy Inspector-General supported as they were by the Inspector-General of Police, the Government recently stationed special police in some villages of the Gooty taluk in the Anantapur district. Thereupon, a demand was made for an enquiry into the circumstances under which such a step was taken and the necessity therefor, and the Government appointed Mr. Courtenay, an experienced Judicial officer, to conduct the enquiry. Hon. Members have no doubt perused the report of the enquiry submitted by Mr. Courtenay and the orders of the Government thereon. It will be seen that Government, accepting Mr. Courtenay's report, have modified the original orders in the light of the observations contained therein. It is to be hoped that the conditions of the district will improve very soon, and that the evils pointed out in the report will shortly be eradicated by means of the co-operation of the officials and the public so that it will be possible for Government to revert to normal measures for the maintenance of law and order at a very early period.

"A press communiqué has been recently published regarding the extension of the term of office of the two additional judges appointed to the Madras High Court, and it is unnecessary to reiterate the grounds on which the Government have felt themselves obliged, in the interests of the public, to continue the two appointments till the end of February 1926. My Government trust that the congestion of work in the highest court in the Presidency is only a temporary feature, and that, before this period expires, it will be possible to secure disposal of the old cases the pendency of which has caused the Honourable the Judges much concern. Hon. Members will doubtless have noticed that the action taken has been on lines contemplated, and indeed suggested, by the Civil Justice Committee.

"Hon. Members will have seen that as contemplated by the Reservation of Bills Rules the Madras Irrigation Bill, which was passed by the Council on 5th December 1924, has been reserved by me for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General. While the provisions of the Bill are in the main beneficent in character and are calculated to facilitate the progress of construction and proper maintenance of irrigation works, including canals, channels and reservoirs used for the storage and supply of water, it cannot be denied that some provisions have been introduced during the final passage of the Bill in the Legislative Council which are a substantial modification of the principles hitherto followed in regard to land revenue policy with which the subject of irrigation is closely inter-connected. When modifications such as these have been made, it is my duty under the Reservation Rules to reserve the Bill for the scrutiny and consideration of the Governor-General, and indeed there is no alternative possible under the

law as it stands. For example, the Bill has given registered holders the right to use for irrigation without any liability to cess the water of any natural stream situated on lands held by them. The Bill has also conferred on landholders a statutory right to remission in case of omission on the part of the Government to execute repairs to an irrigation work. Further, a right of suit has been conferred in regard to the question whether the water used by a person for irrigation is beneficial to, and sufficient for, the requirements of his crop. There is also the question of exemption from cess in the case of land irrigated by percolation. The delay in reservation has been due to the need for consultation with the District authorities who will be charged with the actual working of the provisions of the Bill and who are naturally cognizant of the nature and extent of the practical difficulties that may arise by reason of the provision. I trust that the Bill will ere long be returned to us by His Excellency the Governor-General after he has considered the matters that arise for his decision.

"During my tours in Ganjam and Chittoor districts representations were made to me as to the need for taking early steps for the amendment of the Estates Land Act. The Council is aware that a Committee on which all the interests concerned are represented has been appointed to consider the suggestions made for revising the provisions of the Act in the light of the defects noticed from time to time in its working. The subject is one of much complexity, and I am glad to learn that the Committee has made substantial progress in its deliberations and will be in a position to submit its report shortly to the Government.

"And now let me inform hon. Members of the legislative measures which we propose to introduce for their consideration during the ensuing session. One of the principal items will be the report of the Select Committee on the Cochin Port Trust Bill. It must be within the cognizance of hon. Members that very recently and in pursuance of the scheme to take advantage of the immense natural facilities offered by the Port of Cochin and to turn Cochin into a major port, an agreement has been reached between the Government of India and the Darbars of Cochin and Travancore. It is confidently expected that before many years pass Cochin will become a great maritime centre to which will flow a very large proportion of trade from the southern and western portions of the Presidency. It has therefore become necessary to make adequate
11-30 a.m. provision for the regulation, conservancy and improvement of that port and for the constitution of a Board of Trustees, and further to provide for the levy and recovery of rates and fees by that Board. These provisions are embodied in the Bill which my Government are introducing this session of the House.

"Another measure which will be placed before you at this meeting is the Borstal Bill. This Bill is intended to make provision for detaining offenders who are of impressionable age, i.e., between 16 and 21, in special institutions in which they will be given industrial training and other instruction and subjected to such disciplinary and moral influences as will conduce to their reformation instead of sending them to ordinary jails in which they would be brought into contact with adult offenders and recidivists. Hon. Members may have seen the statistics furnished by the Lord Chief Justice of England before the International Prison Congress showing that under the Borstal system 70 per cent and 80 per cent of boys

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and girls, respectively, never relapse after release. The experiment of giving 'adolescent' offenders a special training in a separate institution has been tried in this Presidency in the Borstal school at Tanjore with very satisfactory results and it is now sought to place the whole system on a sound legal basis. I trust the provisions of the Bill will commend themselves to the Council.

"In addition, I may mention the Village Officers' Restoration Bill, which it is hoped to introduce this month.

"The Land Revenue Settlement Bill which it was intended to bring in this session is awaiting receipt of the Governor-General's sanction, and must therefore lie over for the present.

"The hon. the Minister for Education will lay before you a Bill to constitute the Andhra University. The history of the demand for this University and the many discussions which have taken place regarding its character, location and aims must be well known to the hon. Members of this House. The Madras University has in its colleges over fifteen thousand students, of whom approximately three thousand are students from the Telugu districts. These figures show that an Andhra University would meet the needs of a large student community. The aims of the new University will be to develop a real corporate and academic university life at certain carefully chosen centres, to identify itself with the commercial and industrial needs of the country by the establishment of technical colleges and to foster scholarship and research by an extension of the existing facilities for advanced literary and scientific study in the Telugu country.

"As hon. Members of this House are aware, an annual contribution of 348 lakhs to the Government of India has, since the inauguration of the Reforms, been a first charge on our revenues. With effect from this year, this contribution has been reduced by 126 lakhs. The budget for the current year which was passed by this House in March last did not take this remission into account and provided for expenditure chargeable to the revenue account which was in excess of our estimated revenue by no less than 96½ lakhs. As a result of the remission, this serious deficit was converted, into a surplus of approximately 29½ lakhs.

"On the 30th March 1925 additional demands relating to 1925–26 amounting to about 4 lakhs were placed before the House which, however, postponed consideration of these demands as they desired to know how it was proposed to utilize the additional revenues rendered available by the reduction in the contribution. Various hon. Members also expressed the desire that these revenues should be largely used for the benefit of the Transferred departments. The demands which were placed before the House in respect of items the consideration of which was postponed in March last, have been reduced to 2¼ lakhs. After providing for these items the surplus in the current year's budget will, on the assumption that our revenue forecast is realized, be approximately 27⅓ lakhs. In deference to the wishes of this House and having regard to the many administrative needs of the province, my Government have decided to devote the whole of this sum to expenditure on the Transferred departments. I sincerely hope that no unforeseen circumstances will adversely affect the financial situation with reference to which this decision has been reached.

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"Hon. Members will in due course be asked to vote supplementary demands indicating in detail the proposed utilization of this sum, which will enable the hon. the Ministers to carry out their progressive schemes in the Departments of Education, Public Health and Industries. Funds will, I hope, thus be made available for the extension of elementary education, medical relief, water-supply, and roads in rural areas. There is also before Government a proposal to make provision for granting further relief to tubercular patients in this Presidency, and fighting the terrible disease which takes annually such heavy toll of our people.

"The hon. the Minister for Development will move a resolution that the Cotton Transport Act be made applicable to this Presidency in order to protect certain areas in which cotton of good quality is grown from the admixture of inferior cotton. The practice of adulterating cotton has grown to such a point that the cultivator of good cotton is no longer able to realize the intrinsic value of his produce.

"In conclusion, I have to inform hon. Members that I have decided to allot two days for non official business this month.

"I have briefly adumbrated the important matters which will form the subject of discussion during this session of the Council and I pray that Providence may guide your deliberations in the interests of the peace and contentment of the people of this Presidency." (Cheers).

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(i)

REMARKS BY THE HON. THE PRESIDENT ON INTERPELLATIONS.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to make a few remarks on the subject of questions. The number of questions generally, and of starred questions in particular, which are set down to be answered every day has grown so steadily of late that I have once more to invite the co-operation of hon. Members in restricting questions to matters of fact which are not only of public concern but on which useful information can be furnished by the Government.

"The first category of objectionable questions consists of interpellations which are not, properly speaking, questions but merely matters to which it is desired to draw the attention of the Government.

"(*a*) It is obvious that a question is not constituted as such by merely placing a note of interrogation at the end of a sentence giving utterance to a sentiment or a truism, to an argument or an innuendo, to a censure of a public official or to a grievance suffered by a private person. Every question demands an answer; but a question evasive of the rules is not unnaturally provocative of an answer evasive of the question. For instance, if the Government are asked how long they are going to take to pass orders on a subject which has been under consideration for perhaps ten years, the question is in effect a censure of the Government, and the answer to it naturally cannot be very illuminating.

"(*b*) Above all, a question ought to be short and it cannot be short if an M.L.C. insists on telling first of all a long story in the form of a series of questions, and if, in the event, twenty questions are put by way of introduction to the last question which alone required an answer. In this case,

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owing to the form adopted by the interpellator, the Government have to prepare twenty superfluous answers and many of them would, in the circumstances just stated, be of the kind called evasive.

"(c) Occasionally, a huge return is asked for, let us suppose, as to how many Brahmans, how many non-Brahmans, how many Christians, how many Muhammadans and how many members of the depressed classes have applied for one acre, for two acres, for three acres of land in the several taluks of several districts or in all the districts of the Presidency. What the interpellator wants the return for is as a rule not stated, but it is left to be inferred from the party to which he belongs or from the interest which he represents in the Council, that what he really had in mind was a grievance of a single individual in a village who got one acre of land, having asked for three. In all cases in which returns are asked for, I would suggest to hon. Members to bear in mind that, apart from the expenditure of time entailed by the compilation of a special return, it duplicates labour in case it embodies information already available, though not possibly on so comprehensive a scale, in annual reports. It is therefore advisable for hon. Members to examine the annual departmental reports carefully before asking for special returns.

"(d) Questions, of the three classes above described, cannot be pruned by the Secretary to the Council unless he first of all analyses and dissects them not only at the expense of much time and trouble but at the risk of Members complaining of mutilation of their questions. I propose in such cases to cause the questions themselves to be returned in order that they may be shorn of excrescences which will be pointed out in the Secretary's covering letter.

"The second class of objectionable questions is that which seeks (a) information that could be more easily obtained from ordinary sources or (b) information that does not come within the official knowledge—what rule 8 calls the *special cognizance*—or duties of the Member of the Government concerned, or (c) information relating to matters for which local authorities are primarily responsible. Especially where an hon. Member has addressed a subordinate authority, and, pending consideration of the matter by such authority, also addresses a question to the Government, it is not surprising that no immediate or definite answer is forthcoming on behalf of the Government. I would suggest that hon. Members might, when the nature of the question obviously admits of or demands it, specify the kind of information already furnished, or the orders already passed, by lower authorities or mention what public interest is served by carrying the matter up to the Government. In many cases at present, it is self-evident from the tenor of a question that the Government are interpellated as if no machinery existed for enquiring into grievances and redressing them locally.

"The last observation which I wish to make on the subject of questions is aimed at the very questionable practice of publishing questions in the daily press, before the same are admitted by the President or included in notice-papers issuing from the Council office. The object of these notice-papers is to place hon. Members as quickly as possible in possession of information regarding admitted questions and notices of resolutions; but the object is frustrated when unauthorized editions of questions and other notices, including matter which eventually may have to be disallowed, are put in circulation at the same time as the official publications.

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"I have on hand a practical illustration of the difficulties which I have brought to the notice of hon. Members. We are placing starred questions before the House at the rate of eight questions for each hon. Member who has addressed such questions. We shall probably sit for five days at the most this month, and that means that each hon. Member will have as a maximum 40 starred questions answered in the course of this meeting. It has been calculated that more than 60 or 70 questions in all answers to which have already been received in the office will have to be carried forward to the next meeting because the maximum would otherwise be exceeded, and the maximum cannot be exceeded without disappointing hon. Members who desire to put supplementary questions. As I have already stated, hon. Members will have to decide in such cases whether they will carry over their questions to the next meeting to be answered orally or whether they will allow the answers to their questions to be included in the official report of the last day of this meeting."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924*—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other Member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a Member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other Member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Agency.

Alleged arrest of one Sunder Narayan Deo in the Vizagapatam Agency.

*1 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is cognizant of the recent arrest of Sunder Narayan Deo and some others of Kalyanasingpur in the Vizagapatam Agency;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Sunder Narayan Deo is a claimant to the estate of Kalyanasingpur and whether he is in actual possession thereof;

(*c*) at whose instance and under what authority the said arrests were made;

(*d*) whether the Maharaja of Jeypore claims possession of the estate of Kalyanasingpur;

(*e*) whether the Agent to the Governor or any of those working under him in the Agency have arrested Sunder Narayan Deo and others with a view to secure forcible possession of the estate for the Maharaja; and

(*f*) whether the Maharaja has sought Government intervention of any sort?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*d*) Singapur is the chief village of a subdivision of Jeypore which was granted by Raja Vikrama Deo II to a kinsman on service tenure. In 1864 the then Raja sued the grantee's son Krishna Deo for the possession of the property or an annual payment of Rs. 5,000. It was decreed that the Rs. 5,000 should be paid and this decree was upheld by the High Court and the Privy Council. After Krishna Deo's death, the Jeypore Maharaja brought a suit against Krishna Deo's widow for the possession of the property or the enhancement of the quit-rent; the suit was decided in the Maharaja's favour in the original court and in the High Court and the property was handed over to the Maharaja in 1892. Krishna Deo had an illegitimate son Gopinath Deo; Sundaranarayana Deo is the legitimate son of Gopinath Deo. The Maharaja appointed Gopinath Deo as a supervisor of the estate and at the time of his death the latter was in receipt of a salary of Rs. 250 a month as well as a "Bhallaloko" allowance. Although the estate has been in the possession of the Maharaja since 1892, Sundaranarayana Deo has now attempted to obtain possession of it by gathering followers among the Khonds and collected the rents.

(*c*) The arrests were made by the Agent to the Governor under the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act, 1839.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The Maharaja had complained to the Agent to the Governor regarding the actions of Sundaranarayana Deo and his brother.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"Sir, I wish to ask the hon. the Law Member whether this is a dispute as to possession of property."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"Yes, which may lead to a breach of the peace."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"In which case, will not the Government be better advised to ask the Maharaja to seek redress under section 145 of the Criminal Procedure Code?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"The Maharaja is presumably aware of the necessity, if a dispute really arises in regard to the possession of the estate, to do so."

Civil Justice.

Alleged grievances of Judicial copyists.

* 2 *Q.*—Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN: With reference to the answer to question No. 1439, dated 6th December 1924, regarding a memorial from the Civil Court copyists, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of the memorial submitted by the Judicial copyists to the hon. the High Court of Judicature has since been received by him and the original by the Government from the High Court;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the Council table; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government to remedy the grievances mentioned in the memorial?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the memorial has been received by the Government, but they have not received the original of the memorial said to have been sent through the High Court.

(*c*) The High Court which is primarily concerned with the question has not yet moved in the matter. The Government do not propose to take any action at present on the representations made.

The holding of the Subordinate Judge's Court at Mangalore.

* 3 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge of South Kanara, Mangalore, held court and dismissed suits for default on 20th April 1925, the date of the bye-election to the Madras Legislative Council, and after the court had closed for the summer vacation;

(*b*) whether the election day was not also a public holiday throughout the district; if the answer is in the affirmative whether the Sub-Judge was authorized to hold his court on that day;

(*c*) whether the Government generally approve of the holding of courts on the dates of election to the Legislative Councils;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge held his court in spite of representations made to him by prominent members of the Bar that they and their clients could not attend the court on that day as it was Council election day;

(*e*) whether judicial officers are permitted to hold courts after they are closed for summer vacation and even though vakils and parties are unwilling to attend them; and

(*f*) what the explanation of the Sub-Judge concerned is in regard to his action?

A.—The Government have no information. The litigants have the remedy of appeal if the Judge acted illegally.

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao:—" With reference to clause (*b*) of my question, viz., ' whether the election day was not also a public holiday throughout the district; if the answer is in the affirmative whether the Sub-Judge was authorized to hold his court on that day,' the answer is: ' The Government have no information.' Am I to understand that the Government have no information on that point?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" The Government did not call for answers to these various questions inasmuch as, if the Subordinate Judge acted in the manner suggested, his judgment would be open to correction by an appellate tribunal."

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao:—" Then again, with reference to clause (*c*), viz., ' whether the Government generally approve of the holding of courts on the dates of election to the Legislative Councils,' am I to understand that the Government have ruled so?"

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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"From the fact that these days are public holidays arises the inference that the Government is not in favour of courts being held on such days."

Disposal of certain cases by the Subordinate Judge of South Kanara.

*4 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the procedure adopted by the Sub-Judge of South Kanara, Mangalore, of disposing of most of the contested petitions and miscellaneous work in his chambers and not in open court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge gets parties declared ex parte not in his presence but by the clerk concerned even before he comes to court;

(*c*) at what time the said Sub-Judge comes to the Bench daily and at what time he leaves the court; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Judge comes to the Bench very irregularly, even as late as 2 or 2–30 p.m.?

A.—The Government have no information but are causing enquiries to be made.

The creation of a new post of "Master" in the High Court.

*5 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to create a new post of a 'Master' in the High Court at Madras;

(*b*) if so, what is the need for it and what is the scope of his powers and duties; and

(*c*) whether the Registrar cannot cope with the duties for which the 'Master' is being created?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Period of stay permitted to certain officers in one station.

*6 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of years during which (1) a Deputy Collector, (2) a District Munsif, (3) a Tahsildar, is ordinarily permitted to remain continuously in one station;

(*b*) whether short absences on leave during that period are held to constitute a break in their stay and whether the period during which such officers may normally stay in a station is counted again from their return to duty after the absence;

(*c*) whether enquiries are periodically made by district officers or others as to whether after their first appointment to a station they have many relations in their own or allied departments or have contracted debts or acquired landed properties within their jurisdiction; and

(*d*) whether all these facts are taken into account in posting officers or transferring them from station to station?

A.—(*a*) There are no hard-and-fast rules on the subject. Ordinarily opportunity is taken, when transfers have to be made, to move officers who have been three years at one station.

(b) No.

(c) Annual returns of landed property or interest in landed property possessed by them are submitted by the three classes of officers. Periodical inquiries are made regarding relatives of district munsifs but not about their debts within their jurisdiction. No special inquiries are made in the case of deputy collectors or tahsildars.

(d) Yes, so far as information is available.

Criminal Justice.

Alleged communal troubles in Maruthavakudi.

* 7 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that two criminal cases have recently been filed in the Tiruvadamarudur Sub-Magistrate's Court, Kumbakonam taluk, one by the Adi-Dravidas of Maruthuvakudi against the caste people of the same village and the other by the caste people against the Adi-Dravidas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthuvakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the said caste Hindus;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus took the earliest opportunity and lodged a complaint alleging that a cart belonging to Adi-Dravidas ran over a kid which subsequently died;

(d) whether the police knew anything about the matter; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to intervene, on the facts implied in the question as to matters which are now before the courts.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether the incident mentioned in clause (b), viz., whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthuvakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the caste Hindus,' is also before the court?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Various allegations and counter-allegations have been made to the authorities who are making a judicial investigation at the present moment, and therefore it is that the Government cannot say anything more definitely."

Irrigation.

Applications for water in the villages under the Periyar system.

* 8 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the information required with regard to question No. 684, dated 27th March 1925, regarding applications for water in the villages of the Periyar system has been obtained and, if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay it on the table;

(*b*) in connexion with the answer to the above question clause (*e*) whether there is any rule in the Periyar Water Rate Rules which authorizes such use to be considered as unauthorized ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the Government Order relating to the answer to the above question clause (*a*) ?

A.—(*a*) The information has been called for and will be supplied to the hon. Member when received.

(*b*) The rules lay down that all applications received after 1st June will be returned as time-barred.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to clause (*b*), I want to know whether the same penalty is levied in cases where the applications are returned as unauthorized, as in those cases where water is taken unauthorized for use."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not quite follow the question of penalty raised by the hon. Member. There is no hard-and-fast rule that a certain penalty must be levied."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" So far as I know, there are rules whereby penalties of 20 or 30 times over the ordinary rate are levied. I want to know whether the same penalty is levied in cases where applications are returned as unauthorized."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member wishes to know whether the same penalties have been levied, I shall be very glad to enquire."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer to clause (*b*) says : 'that all applications received after 1st June will be returned as time-barred'. May I ask whether orders are issued in time so that they may reach the parties concerned before the sowing season begins ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I presume so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Then, Sir, is the whole matter engaging the attention of the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I believe, Sir, that the hon. Member's question refers to another question of which notice has been given."

Legislative.

Oriya translation of notifications and Bills of the Government of India.

* 9 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that notifications by and Bills of the Government of India are not translated into Oriya or published in that language in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ;

(*b*) whether they are translated into the other principal languages in the Presidency and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ; and

(*c*) the cause of this differential treatment ?

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A.—Oriya translations are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* whenever Government think it necessary. The Government decide in each case whether a Bill should be translated into any of the vernaculars.

Minor Irrigation.

Minor irrigation works in Bellary district.

* 10 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to ascertain and state—

11-45 a.m.

(*a*) the number of minor irrigation works in each taluk of the Bellary district—

(i) in charge of the Public Works Department, and

(ii) in charge of the Revenue Department;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred in 1923–24 on the repairs thereof;

(*c*) the number of works in each taluk of the district, or, if that information cannot easily be furnished, in the district as a whole selected for repairs in 1924–25 and the amount allotted for them; and

(*d*) the number of works still in need of repair and the probable cost thereof?

A.—(*a*) (i) Hospet 19; Kudligi 38; Hadagalli 6; Harpanahalli 14; Siruguppa 4; Adoni 5; Rayadrug 12.

(ii) Three hundred for the whole district; particulars by taluks are not available.

(*b*) Rupees 77,244.

(*c*) One hundred and forty works; Rs. 37,700.

(*d*) Figures are not available.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"In view of the fact that enough amount has not been allotted for the current year, will the Government be pleased to allot a larger amount?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not follow the hon. Member."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"The allotment for the year 1923–24 was Rs. 77,000 and for the year 1924–25 it was Rs. 37,000. So, the amount that would be really needed will be much more but only a very small amount has been allotted. I wish to know therefore if a larger provision is going to be made."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I understand that allotment in the current year is small owing to the fact that a tank restoration party has been working in the district. We shall endeavour to make as large a provision as possible in the next year."

Panchayat Courts.

Elections to the Village Panchayat Court, Tiruppattur.

* 11 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 557 answered on 20th March 1925 regarding the election of members to the Village Panchayat Court, Tiruppattur, held at Tiruppattur Taluk office, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the information has been called for; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will lay the same on the table of this Council?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following is a copy of the letter received from the District Magistrate, North Arcot, in regard to question No. 557 referred to :—

From the Collector of North Arcot, L. Dis. No. 3106-25, dated the 16th March 1925.

[Legislative Council—Question No. 557—Panchayat Court—Tiruppattur—Answered—Your Memorandum No. 1124-B-1, dated 6th March 1925.]

The answers to Mr. Veerian's questions are—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

The officer who was then Tahsildar has since been transferred but enquiries made by the Sub-Collector and the present Tahsildar show that the then Tahsildar did not exclude Adi-Dravidas from the Taluk office. What apparently happened is that the Adi-Dravidas arrived in a body at the Taluk office to find it already full of Hindus and Muhammadans. The most prominent Adi-Dravida and two of his followers went inside the office while the rest of the Adi-Dravidas remained on the verandah, as there was not room inside, together probably with some Hindus and Muhammadans. None of the Adi-Dravidas who were present at the election and examined by the Sub-Collector asserts that the Tahsildar excluded Adi-Dravidas because they were Adi-Dravidas. I may add that Mr. Veerian's informant, who was also examined by the Sub-Collector, was not present at the election himself but says that he heard these things afterwards. An article in the *Deenabandhu* of the 27th December last contributed by an Adi-Dravida describing the election makes no mention of the suggestion that the Adi-Dravidas were excluded.

(*c*) No. It does not appear that there was any failure on the part of the Tahsildar to conduct the counting of votes properly. Mr. Muniswami Pillai, who as a municipal councillor and member of the taluk and district boards, is a leader of Adi-Dravida community, and was present at the election and went inside the hall, deposed that he watched the proceedings carefully and that the failure of the Adi-Dravida candidate was not due to any irregularity in counting the votes but to the fact that his candidature was not supported by any members of other communities.

Mr. R. Veerian :—" From the answers given by Government I understand that the Tahsildar has been transferred to some other place. May I know whether the Tahsildar was transferred by the Collector because he gave room for the present complaint? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I am not aware, Sir."

Police.

Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district.

* 12 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the conflict between Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district referred to at the beginning of paragraph 21 of the Police Administration Report for 1923 has come to an end; and

(b) in what ways the Naicks are gaining strength, as stated in the same passage?

A.—The Government have no information beyond what appears in the report.

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* 13 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of graduates in the rank of Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department;

(b) the number of graduates who have severed their connexion with the department owing to want of prospects; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to recruit graduates as Sub-Inspectors?

A.—(a) Fifty-six

(b) Two graduates resigned prematurely in the last three years. The reasons for their resignation are not known.

(c) Graduates who possess the other necessary qualifications for the Police Department will be preferred to non-graduates.

Railways.

Erection of a pumping station on the river Palar by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.

* 14 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

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passed certain resolutions at a meeting held at Ambalur on 2nd March 1925 protesting against the contemplated location by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company of a pumping station on the river Palar in the neighbourhood of Kadayanchi village ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the ryots of the locality apprehend that such a powerful pumping installation, if installed, would injuriously affect the cultivation of about 5,000 acres of ryots' lands, wet as well as dry ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that some 15 years back, when the Vaniyambadi municipality wanted to locate a pumping installation at this very site, the ryots of the neighbouring villages protested against it and the protest was respected ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are taking the necessary steps to see that the ryots' interests are safeguarded ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have received copies of the resolutions referred to. But no proposal has been made by the Railway authorities for a pumping station near Kadayanchi.

(*c*) There was a proposal in the year 1909 to supply water to Vaniyambadi town from an infiltration gallery dug on the bank of the Palar river about a mile above the town. The proposal was dropped as it was too costly and the Sanitary Engineer reported that the question of paying compensation for loss of irrigation water might have to be faced.

District Board Railways.

*15 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government was consulted with regard to the new proposals to acquire the district board railways and in respect of new constructions of the Government of India ;

(*b*) whether the Government of Madras consulted the district boards concerned and what their opinion was ; and

(*c*) whether the Madras Government agreed to these proposals and at what stage the matter stands now ?

A.—(*a*) This Government was consulted regarding the new policy of financing branch lines and with regard to the proposal to purchase the Tanjore District Board line from Mayavaram to Arantangi. No proposals have been made yet for the purchase of other district board lines.

(*b*) There was no time to consult district boards before replying to the Railway Board.

(*c*) Yes. The Government agreed generally, in the new policy proposed by the Government of India of financing branch lines, with certain reservations designed to ensure that railway development in this Presidency should receive due attention. They also agreed to the purchase of the Tanjore District Board line on grounds of public policy, so as to make this section part of a through line, but the terms of purchase are under negotiation with the Tanjore District Board.

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(c) The question of releasing prisoner No. 713 from the jail is now under consideration. The Government are not contemplating at present the release of State prisoners who were concerned in forcible conversions.

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I know for what offence the last prisoner has been kept in jail ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I cannot reply off-hand."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" How long have they been in jail ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Same answer."

Co-operative Societies.

Loans to co-operative societies for effecting flood relief.

* 17 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government, in their Order of 15th October last year regarding silted lands in the flood-affected areas, declared that the Co-operative department would help the ryots in all manner possible ;

(b) whether the loans to co-operative societies are to be given only through the Collectors of the districts and if so, the reasons for this policy ; and

(c) why no budget provision has been made in this year's budget for loans to co-operative societies for the purpose of land reclamation ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. As loans under the Land Improvements Loans Act are administered by Collectors and as the necessary funds are met from the allotment under this head, loans to co-operative societies are disbursed through Collectors.

(c) Loans to co-operative societies for reclamation of silted lands will be met from the provision made in the budget estimate for 1925–26 under ' Loans and Advances by Provincial Government—(e) Advances to Cultivators—(i) Loans under the Land Improvements Loans Act '.

Depressed Classes.

The nature of the assignment of land to ex-war service men and Adi-Dravidas.

* 18 Q.—Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the major portions of the lands assigned to ex-war service men and Adi-Dravidas are practically cultivated on lease or enjoyed by the higher caste ryots while the patta alone stands in the name of the depressed classes and ex-war service darkhastdar ; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the negative, what steps the Government will take for making inquiries on the above matter in the districts of Tanjore, South Arcot and Trichinopoly and for positively discouraging such sort of irregular benami darkhast transactions ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Land assigned to ex-service men is liable to resumption by Government in case of alienation by way of sale, gift, mortgage or lease in perpetuity within ten years from the date of the grant. Similarly, lands assigned to depressed classes are subject to resumption if alienated at any time in the manner above described except to other members of the same class. A lease other than a perpetual lease is a method of enjoyment which is not forbidden by the terms of the grant.

Assignment of lands to an Adi-Dravida in Gudiyattam taluk

* 19 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that an Adi-Dravida of Ambur, Vedamakkam, applied to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupattur, and the Collector of North Arcot for the assignment by darkhast of lands, survey Nos. 342 and 343 in the village of Balur, Gudiyattam taluk, on 5th February 1923 and several times afterwards;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam taluk declined to assign the said lands to the petitioner in question;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a rich caste man, one Kannayya Nayudu, is now permitted to cultivate the lands mentioned above and that they will be soon assigned to him; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government do not know whether or no the facts are as alleged in the question.

(*d*) As the darkhast rules provide for an appeal and also in certain circumstances for revision, the Government do not propose to intervene at this stage.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to answer to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), may I know if there is any difficulty in calling for the information? If so, what are the difficulties?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The only difficulty is that this matter is subject to an appeal in the ordinary course. In the existing state of affairs the Government do not wish to interfere."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I have not heard a word of the reply, Sir."

The hon. Mr. N E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The reason, Sir, is given in clause (*d*) of the answer."

Alleged auctioning of lands reserved for depressed classes.

*20 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is the practice to exhibit a copy of the list containing darkhast lands available for assignment to the depressed classes in all the village chavadis and in taluk offices;

(*b*) why lands intended for assignment to the depressed classes are generally being auctioned; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of such instances?

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A.—(*a*) At the instance of the Government the Board of Revenue has recently issued instructions to the Collectors of all districts that a list of the lands available for assignment to members of the depressed classes should be hung up not only in the village chavadi but also in the cheri temple or any place of worship or communal meeting place of the members of the depressed classes. The rules do not require a copy of the list to be hung up in taluk offices.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware of any such instances.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know if the Government are aware that the instructions they issue are not strictly observed and carried out by their officers and subordinates?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" No. Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether these lists are available to private people who want to work for the cause of the depressed classes and secure for them their legitimate requirements ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I should think so, Sir."

Supply of water to the Adi-Dravidas of Nanjai Nagathu Valkai Cheri, Chidambaram taluk.

* 21 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether on the afternoon of the 20th March 1925, Mr. V. Rama Sastri, the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Chidambaram, was engaged in hearing a petition of the Adi-Dravidas of Nanjai Nagathu Valkai Cheri, Chidambaram taluk, praying for permission to take water from the only tank at Nanjai Nagathu Valkai village monopolised by the caste Hindus ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a number of Adi-Dravidas represented by Mr. Mukarrams and a number of Padaiyachis caste people who opposed the petition were present at the time of hearing ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the karnam of the village, a caste man, was examined who, in supporting the Adi-Dravidas, said that he had on many occasions seen the Adi-Dravida women ousted out by the Padaiyachis caste people when they attempted to take water from the tank, and that the period of $2\frac{1}{2}$ months from the 31st of March to the 15th of June was one of scarcity of water for the Adi-Dravidas ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Magistrate said that he would forward the statements to the Subdivisional Officer, Chidambaram, who would pass orders ; and

(*e*) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), whether they will be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) As the questions indicate that the matter is under disposal by the district officers, the Government do not consider it necessary to call for a report at this stage.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to furnish a copy of the order of disposal of the matter by the district officer ? "

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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" As the answer to question (*d*) indicates that the matter is under disposal by the district officers, it would be well that the hon. Member puts a question later on when I shall be able to call for a report and give him the information."

Public Works.

Damage to Cauvery bridges at Sivasamudram due to floods.

* 22 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one of the two Cauvery bridges at Sivasamudram in Coimbatore district was washed away at the time of floods last year and much inconvenience is being thereby caused to the public ;

(*b*) whether any attempt has been made to induce the Jaghirdar of Sivasamudram to repair the bridge and if so, with what result ;

(*c*) whether there has been any correspondence with the Mysore Government on the matter and if so, the result of that correspondence ;

(*d*) whether the Government have asked the Collector of Coimbatore and the Executive Engineer of Salem to report as to the place most suited for putting up a new bridge and if so, whether the report has been received and to what effect ;

(*e*) whether the Government are taking steps to repair the old bridge or to put up a new bridge and if so, when it is likely to have through communication ; and

(*f*) whether the bed of the river at and near Sivasamudram belongs to this Government or the Mysore Government or to both ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The questions are under correspondence.

(*d*) A proposal has been made to construct a single bridge higher up the river than the two old bridges ; the question is under consideration.

(*e*) It has not yet been decided what is the best means of providing for traffic pending the construction of a new bridge.

(*f*) The boundary between Mysore and Madras at the island of Sivasamudram is the midstream of the Cauvery on the Mysore side of the island.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), may I know if the question of constructing a bridge is going to be taken up soon and if the correspondence with the Jaghirdar and the Mysore Government is finished ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I should think it depends on the state of the finances."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Has it been settled whether the Jaghirdar has to pay a portion or whether he is not bound to maintain the bridge ? "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" We are not concerned with the correspondence but we are concerned with what is going to become of the repair itself. I should like to know in what stage the matter is."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" It will be constructed as soon as finances are made available."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" I wish to know if finances will be made available at all. The difficulty is that it is the main line of communication and we are anxious to know whether the financial position has been settled."

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" I am afraid I cannot anticipate the state of the finances some time hence or the decision of the Council on a matter which is in its hands."

Rao Bahadur T. A RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" At least some temporary repair could be made."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I would address the Minister for Local Self-Government to tell us if he could give some money for this. After all, some department must give money."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Mr. President, may I point out that it is a matter for the Public Works Department ? "

Mr C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" We do not know which department is at all responsible for this matter."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Is there any temporary arrangement made pending the final repairs to be effected ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" There is now a ferry. I also see that there is an estimate for temporary repairs."

Revenue Establishments.

The post of additional Assistant Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

*23 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any post of an additional Assistant Secretary in the Board of Revenue ;

(*b*) if so, the year when the post was created ; the name of the present incumbent ; the number of years he has been actually there ; the special reasons for the continuance of this gentleman in the Board of Revenue ;

(*c*) whether there is any rule that Assistant Secretaries in the Board's office should not continue as such for more than three years ; and

(*d*) whether this post carries any special pay or allowance ; if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The appointment was sanctioned temporarily in February 1922 and was made permanent in November 1923. The term of office is ordinarily limited to three years.

M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib K. E. Chidambara Ayyar Avargal, who is the present incumbent, has been holding the post since February 1922. The Government have sanctioned his retention in the post till about October 1925 in the public interests.

(*d*) Yes ; a special pay of Rs 200 per mensem.

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Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" As regards the first part of the answer, the last sentence reads : 'The Government have sanctioned his retention in the post till about October 1925 in the public interests.' May I know what the public interest is ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" It is due to the fact that there was a change of Commissioners just at the time and it was thought well to keep on the Assistant Secretary for a few more months."

Initial salaries of Revenue subordinates in Tanjore district.

* 24 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Board of Revenue have issued orders on 14th March 1925 to the effect that the initial salaries of Revenue subordinates below Rs. 100 in the Tanjore district should take effect from 1st August 1924 and not from 1st March 1921 as in the rest of the Presidency ; and

(*b*) the reason for this discrimination ?

A.—(*a*) The Collector of Tanjore fixed the initial salaries of some of the Revenue subordinates in his district on 16th September 1921 and of the rest on 6th January 1922 and gave effect to them from 1st March 1921 as in the rest of the Presidency. On appeals from some of them in regard to the initial pay fixed for them the Board of Revenue directed that the initial pay should be fixed with reference to seniority in the district establishment as a whole. This led to the revision of the initial pay of some of the subordinates.

In the proceedings of the Board of Revenue referred to in the question, the Board informed the Collector that effect should be given to the final revision of the initial salaries not from 1st March 1921 but from the date of order sanctioning it and that the subordinates should be started on that date at the stage in the time-scale which they would have reached on that date, had effect been given to the revision from 1st March 1921. The Government have issued further orders that until the date of the Collector's order revising their initial pay, they should be allowed the pay originally fixed for them together with the increments due to them in the interval.

(*b*) The delay in fixing the initial pay finally was due to appeals against the original orders of the Collector. The orders above passed are fair to all concerned having regard to this delay.

Village Establishments.

Members of depressed classes among village officials.

* 25 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of village monigars, karnams and assistant karnams in service belonging to the depressed classes together with their names, and the taluks and districts in which they discharge their duties ;

(b) whether any of the posts, viz., village monigars, karnams and assistant karnams, occupied by the depressed classes were offered to caste people and they were confirmed during the last five years for some reasons or other; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such action?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Information on the points referred to is not on record.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I find that the answer given to the whole of my question is as follows: 'Information on the points referred to is not on record'. May I know therefore, Sir, whether the Government are going on with their administration without maintaining any record whatsoever?"

Amalgamation of Jillopanayakkanpalaiyam and Valaiyapalaiyam villages.

* 26 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the villages of Jillopanaickanpalayam and Valayapalayam in Udumalpet taluk of Coimbatore district have been recently grouped together; if so, when and how many months after the Legislative Council passed a resolution against such amalgamations; and

(b) the reasons for the amalgamation; and whether the Board of Revenue took the Council's resolution into consideration before ordering the amalgamation; if the order was made before the resolution, whether the Board took any action to prevent effect being given to the order in view of the resolution and the undertaking given at the time by the Government practically to the effect that no more amalgamations would be effected?

A.—(a) Yes; this is the case referred to in the answer to question No. 1468 answered at the meeting of 6th December 1924. The regrouping was ordered on 15th September 1924.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (c) of the question referred to above.

Criminal Tribes Act.

Extension of the Criminal Tribes Act to Dandasis in Ganjam district.

* 27 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether and when the Criminal Tribes Act was extended to the Dandasis of Ganjam district;

(b) whether it is a fact that the village vettis and talaiyaris in the Ganjam district are almost exclusively recruited from this class;

(c) whether the Dandasis are a wandering tribe;

(d) what is their population and how many of them approximately do not have ostensible means of livelihood or occupation;

(e) whether any of their class is without house and occupation; and

(f) whether he is aware that they are generally trusted as watchers of property, etc.?

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A.—(*a*) Sections 3 and 10 of the Criminal Tribes Act were applied in 1923 to the Dandasis of Ganjam district. In 1924 the Government directed that for the time being only known criminal males with their relatives and associates should be registered. This order is still in force.

(*b*) Some Dandasis are employed as village talaiyaris or watchmen.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) According to the census of 1921, there were 17,433 males and 24,335 females. The Government have no information as to the percentage which has no ostensible means of livelihood.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" I wish to know the number of those registered already and how it compares with the actual number."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice, Sir."

Forests.

Source of timber supply to the Russellkonda saw mill.

*28 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of forests and reserves from which timber is extracted for the Russellkonda saw mill;

(*b*) what is the average cost per cubic foot for felling timber in those forests;

(*c*) what is the average cost of carting per cubic foot of timber from the forests where they are felled to the Russellkonda saw mills; and

(*d*) what is the average cost price per cubic foot of timber shown in the accounts of the Russellkonda saw mill?

A.—(*a*) Rambha, Gogodo, Pacchalia, Pippalaponka, Kriamba, Chendragiri, Gallery, Gundribadi, Rogoda, Baiballi and Brahmanasai reserves.

(*b*) One anna 5·4 pies.

(*c*) Three annas 3·75 pies.

(*d*) Four annas.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" I wish to know the cost per square foot of ordinary log of timber."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not know these details. I want notice."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Is the Russellkonda mill working ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is stopped temporarily."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" I wish to know what action has been taken on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee on this question."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question."

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Public Service.

Distinction in pay between clerks who graduate on first appointment and those who do so subsequent to it.

* 29 Q.—Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently ordered that the grant of graduate allowance contemplated in G.O. No. 1025, Finance, dated 21st January 1922, applies only to clerks who graduate on first appointment;

(*b*) if so, the circumstances that necessitated the issue of such an order;

(*c*) why the Government wish to make a distinction between clerks who graduate on first appointment and those who do so subsequent to it; and

(*d*) whether such clerks will have to refund the allowance already drawn?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The object of the discretion allowed by G.O. No. 1025, dated 14th October 1921, to heads of departments to give a higher initial pay to graduates appointed to clerical posts is clearly stated in G.O. No. 74, Finance, dated 21st January 1922, namely, to attract where necessary a better class of candidates. It therefore applies solely to those who are graduates when they first enter service, and is restricted to cases where their recruitment is considered necessary.

(*d*) Any cases where a refund has been demanded as a result of a wrong application of the rule will be considered on their merits.

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Telephones.

The use of telephones by the Government.

* 30 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many telephones are being subscribed for by Government;

(*b*) what is the total cost of these telephone connexions to Government per year;

(*c*) whether the Government enjoy any special rate and if so what is the rate; and

(*d*) whether the Government have made any grants, leases or special facilities to the Madras Telephone Company?

A.—(*a*) This Government have subscribed for about 400 telephones (220 connexions direct with the Madras Telephone Company's Exchange and 180 extensions from some of the direct connexions).

(*b*) The total cost of the connexions is roughly Rs. 55,000 per year.

(*c*) The Government are allowed a reduction of 25 per cent on the rates charged to private subscribers.

(*d*) The Government have assigned an extent of 21,000 square feet of land in R.S. No. 11378, Esplanade, Georgetown, subject to payment of the approximate market value and ground-rent.

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Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Location of a meat-stall in Tiruvannamalai.

* 31 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the municipality of Tiruvannamalai has permitted an unlicensed butcher's shop to be opened in a public place adjacent to the principal car-street;

12 noon.

(b) whether the orthodox Hindu population protested against the location of the said meat-stall;

(c) whether a public meeting of the citizens of Tiruvannamalai passed unanimous resolutions urging the immediate removal of the meat-stall to a less objectionable locality and whether copies of the protest were sent to the Municipal Council, the Collector of North Arcot and to the District Superintendent of Police;

(d) whether the meat-stall has not been so removed ; and

(e) what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) They do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is it permissible to open butcher shops without a licence from the municipality ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" It is a question of law. I think they have to obtain the licence."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will the Government see that if there is no licence issued the site is changed ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Sir, whether there should be a change of the site or not is a matter left to the discretion of the Municipal Council."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" If I have understood the hon. the Chief Minister rightly, the person who wants to have a shop for selling meat has to take out a licence ; but the municipality does not attend to this duty and see that the gentleman takes out a licence or changes the site. In that case, does the hon. the Chief Minister tell us that it is entirely left to the discretion of the municipal council ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" It is quite open to the hon. Member to ask the municipal council to take cognizance of this matter."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is the hon. the Minister aware that there is a widespread faction in the municipality on account of this and that they could not get any relief by appealing to the chairman ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" The Government are not aware of the existence of any faction."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is it not the concern of the hon. the Chief Minister that the feelings of the Hindus of a pilgrim centre like Tiruvannamalai are affected by the presence of such a meat shop in a car street there ? "

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Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" May I know what kinds of meats are sold in the shops that are considered objectionable by the Hindus ? "

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I pause for the answer."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have already stated that it is a matter with which the Government are not concerned, and it is for the Municipal Council to consider whether a meat stall could be allowed to continue there or not."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Since the municipality has not moved in the matter in spite of newspaper agitation and public meetings, may I appeal to the hon. the Chief Minister at least to care something or the susceptibilities of the Hindu population of Tiruvannamalai ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Mr. President, the Government do not think that it is a case for their interference."

The distribution of taluk boards in each district.

* 32 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether every taluk in each district has a taluk board corresponding to it ;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government have any idea of creating a taluk board for every taluk ;

(*c*) how many taluk boards there are in Madura and Ramnad districts and whether the taluk boards correspond to the taluks in the districts ;

(*d*) whether the right of electing their presidents is given to all the taluk boards in the two districts ; and

(*e*) if not, the names of the taluk boards in which the president is nominated, and the reason for the same ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The Government will be prepared to consider applications on their merits.

(*c*) Four in each. The taluk boards do not correspond to the Revenue taluks.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Melur, Usilampatti and Dindigul in the Madura district and Devakottai in the Ramnad district.

The Government were advised that in the best interests of the administration of these taluk boards it was desirable that the Presidents should be appointed by Government.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" In regard to clause (*b*), may I know whether Government invited applications as to the creation of a board in every taluk ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government do not propose to invite applications."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" What do they mean by 'applications' in the answer to clause (*b*) ? Do they mean applications from taluk boards or people or somebody else ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" When the people of a particular area apply to the Government to constitute a separate taluk board for that area, then the Government will consider the application on its merits."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Then, may I know whether the Government have received any such applications from the people in Ramnad and Madura districts ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I would require notice. I cannot answer that question off-hand."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Coming to the last clause (e), may I know by whom the Government were advised as to the nomination of certain taluk board presidents ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" By the authorities concerned."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" By the District Collector ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; and the President of the District Board."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" May I know whether the taluk boards were consulted in the matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU :—" With reference to the formation of taluk boards, may I ask the hon. the Chief Minister why, in spite of representation made by the taluk people of Rajahmundry, no action has been taken to differentiate the boards ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I doubt whether that question arises out of the answer given."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the taluk boards have been given the opportunity of saying whether or not they want an elected president ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; the taluk boards have opportunities to express their views on the subject."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what their views are ? "

Opening of roads by the District Board of Ramnad.

* 33 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any sanction was ever made by the District Board of Ramnad to construct a road between Virudunagar and Watrap through Nadyaneri village ;

(b) if so, why the work was not carried out ; and

(c) how many new roads have been opened by the District Board of Ramnad within the last five years with the names of the taluks in which they are opened ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The annual administration reports of the district boards for the five years ending 1923–24 show that the following roads were constructed during those years :—

1919–20—Paramakudi-Mudukulathur road—2nd and 3rd sections.
Ramnad-Kilakarai road—3 sections.
Sivakasi-Virudupatti road—1st section.
Total length—9 miles.

1920–21—Ramnad-Kilakarai road—$5\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Other roads—$3\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

1921–22—Nil.

1922–23—5 miles.

1923–24—$21\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The Government have no further information.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The hon. Member may have the information from the Board direct."

Election to the 24th ward of the Kumbakonam Municipal Council.

*34 *Q.*—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman of the Kumbakonam municipality received a communication on the night of the 19th December 1923 from one of the duly nominated candidates for election to the 24th ward of the local Municipal Council ;

(*b*) whether the said candidate made any statement in the communication referred to in (*a*) that he had not withdrawn his candidature for the said ward ;

(*c*) whether his request to the Chairman in the communication referred to in (*a*) to refrain from making any declaration till at least the day after the next was ever considered by the Chairman, and if so, whether any reply was given by the Chairman officially to the letter in question ;

(*d*) if no reply was sent, the reasons therefor ;

(*e*) whether the candidate addressed another letter to the Chairman on 20th December 1923 stating that the withdrawal of his candidature was a fraudulent and forged one and requesting the Chairman to investigate the matter ;

(*f*) what action the Chairman took on the letter referred to in (*e*) and, if no action was taken, the reasons therefor ;

(*g*) whether Government are aware of the fact that the candidate in question made a request to the Chairman in his letter of the 20th December 1923 soliciting Government investigation in the matter through a trained and capable officer and not to declare anybody elected for the said ward until the result of the investigation was known ;

(*h*) if so, whether Government received any communication on the matter from the Chairman ; and

(*i*) if the answer to (*h*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government can place on the table a copy of the communication received from the Chairman and the former's reply thereto ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*e*) The Government are so informed.
(*c*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.
(*d*) The question does not arise.
(*g*) The answer is in the affirmative.
(*h*) The Chairman reported the facts to Government but asked for no orders.
(*i*) The Government see no need to do so.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Answer to clause (*h*) says 'The Chairman reported the facts to Government but asked for no orders'. Considering the importance of the matter, is it not within the power of the hon. the Minister to give guidance to the Chairman, though it is not asked for ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government did not consider necessary to give guidance."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Here is a forged document stating that a candidate has withdrawn his candidature, while the candidate says that he has not withdrawn and the whole election is vitiated. The man cannot get any remedy ; the civil courts up to the High Court have declined to interfere and yet am I to understand that the hon. the Minister does not think that he can usefully interfere in the matter ? "

The teaching of Hindi language in Nannilam Board High School.

*35 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a mahazar signed by the parents and guardians of the pupils studying in the Board High School, Nannilam (Tanjore district), was sent to the President, District Board, Tanjore, with a request to start a Hindi class in the above school ;

(*b*) whether it is also a fact that a statement was made in the mahazar referred to in (*a*) to the effect that the parents and guardians themselves would meet the expenditure thereon and that the District Board need not pay anything for giving effect to the proposal ;

(*c*) whether the President, District Board, called for the opinion of the Headmaster of the High School and also the pupils on the subject matter of the petition (mahazar) ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) be in the affirmative, the reply received by the President ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that a majority of the pupils of the school expressed their ready willingness to learn Hindi when asked by the Headmaster ;

(*f*) whether the President finally decided not to allow pupils to learn Hindi ;

(*g*) if the answer to (*f*) be in the affirmative, whether Government can place on the table a copy of the President's order prohibiting Hindi learning ;

(*h*) whether the Government have issued any order or circular to local bodies concerning Hindi learning, and if so, to what effect ;

(*i*) if the answer to (*h*) be in the negative, whether the President himself has issued any order to the schools under his supervision forbidding either the learning or the teaching of Hindi ;

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Ex officio membership of local boards, etc., to Members of the Legislative Council.

* 37 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the advisability of making all Members of the Legislative Council ex officio members of the local boards and municipalities within the local limits of which they reside?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" The answer is that the matter has not been considered by the Government. The date of the answer is 20th July 1925. In view of a resolution on the same subject I want to know whether the matter has since been considered."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There has been no change of opinion on the part of the Government."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" How does the hon. Member gather that this answer is dated 20th July 1925?"

Privilege of elected president to Anantapur municipality.

* 38 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Anantapur people have requested the Government for the privilege of electing their own municipal chairman ;

(*b*) whether the municipal council also has passed a resolution to the same effect ;

(*c*) when the term of the present nominated chairman expires ; and

(*d*) whether there is no competent person among the present councillors who can discharge the duties of the chairman?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The term expired on 24th June 1925.

(*d*) The Government have no information of such a person.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, have the Government since nominated a chairman to the municipal council?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that 11 out of the 13 members were against the appointment of the chairman?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government have no information."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Did the Government enquire whether any councillor among the sitting members was capable of discharging the functions of the chairman?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, the Government were informed that there was no one on the council suitable for appointment as chairman."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the council called for the correspondence to be placed on the table as to the incompetency of the sitting councillors?"

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I should like to know to what clause the supplementary question relates."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Clause (*d*)."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is there not a B.A., B.L., also among the councillors ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There may be a B.A., B.L. But unfortunately, the information they had was that there was none."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Was it considered that the time had not come for conferring this privilege on the municipality ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It was considered that it was not time that the privilege of electing its own chairman should be conferred on the municipal council."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Who were the authorities that were consulted in the matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, the Collector of the district was consulted."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know whether there was no member of the Justice Party in the Anantapur municipality"

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" The President of the District Board is of the Justice Party."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know for information whether the Collector recommended at any time the office of chairman to be thrown open for election ?

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" No."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" What was it that made the Government think that the municipality was not ripe enough to have the power of electing its own chairman ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I did not say that the municipality was not ripe enough, but I said it was considered that it was not time that the Government should think of conferring this power on the municipality."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know why the Government thought like that ? Is the municipality a new one or a young one or has the administration not been good ? "

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is not one of the councillors the president of the taluk board belonging to the Justice Party ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think we have sufficiently discussed this question."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether thirteen members of the Council wanted to pass a resolution expressing dissatisfaction and whether that resolution was disallowed by the chairman and whether the matter is still pending with the Government ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is asking for further information. I should like to have notice."

Income and expenditure of Anantapur municipality.

* 39 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue of Anantapur municipality for each of the last three years;

(*b*) whether any scale is prescribed limiting the percentage of expenditure under each head; and if so, whether it has been exceeded by the said municipality and to what extent;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to advise the municipality to conform to the rules in this connexion;

(*d*) the amount of conveyance allowance drawn by the present chairman during his regimé; and

(*e*) what was the particular necessity for conveyance allowance during this period?

A.—(*a*) The total revenue of the council (excluding special Government grants, deposits and advances) was as shown below:—

	RS.
1922–23	22,700
1923–24	36,939
1924–25	51,416

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

Preparation of the electoral rolls for local bodies.

* 40 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received any petition from certain electors for the taluk board elections of the Mannargudi firka of the Chidambaram taluk of South Arcot district regarding the preparation of the electoral roll;

(*b*) whether the number of tax-payers belonging to the Padayachi community in the above firka who are entitled to vote as per the rules and regulations relating to their qualifications is about 683 and the recently prepared electoral roll shows only 198 as qualified to vote; and

(*c*) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry into the matter and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have made enquiries and understand that the electoral roll in question was published in the prescribed manner and no objections were received within the period allowed.

Representation of depressed classes in union boards.

* 41 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to answer to Question No. 537, dated 19th March 1925, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state in what manner the president of the Ambur union board and the president of the North Arcot District Board complied with the Government Order issued on the subject of the representation of depressed classes on union boards?

A.—Members of union boards are appointed by presidents of taluk boards. A list[a] of members of the Ambur union board is laid on the table for information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to the main question, may I know whether the Government will not interfere in the matter whenever the presidents of local boards misuse their powers and act contrary to the spirit of law whenever they make nominations ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government expect the public to draw the attention of the Government to such cases."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the nomination of one Duraiswami to the Union Board of Ambur was strongly objected to by the members of the depressed classes in Ambur on the ground that he would not serve well and that he was only a servant of the Ambur Union Board President ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I am afraid I have to say that the Government have no information on the subject."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Will they be pleased to call for the information ? "

The composition of the Nilgiris District Board.

* 42 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of members of the Nilgiris District Board, how many of them are elected and how many nominated ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a large percentage of the elected seats goes to the European planters and what is that percentage and what is the number of their voters ;

(*c*) whether there are several Indian planters in the Nilgiris and if so, their number ; whether they possess the right of electing any representatives to the district board ;

(*d*) the number of members to be elected by the general public and the number of voters in this case ; and

(*e*) whether the Government have received any mahazars to throw open more seats for election by general public and whether the Government have any intention of doing so ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the Annual Civil List for 1925. The strength of the Nilgiris District Board is 24. Six seats are filled up by Government and eighteen by election. Nine of the elective seats are filled by the Planters Associations and the remaining nine by the tax-payers and inhabitants of the district in general. The Government have no information in regard to the number of voters.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know the reason why 50 per cent of the elective seats are filled by the planters and the other 50 per cent by the rest of the public ? "

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 106 infra.

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Because planters form an important community in the district."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Will the Government be pleased to get the number of voters under (b) and (d) ?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"The answer to (c) is—The Government have no information. The planters have a very small number of votes compared to the rest of the public. Will they be pleased to consider the matter ?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Yes, Sir, the request will be considered."

Medical.

Improvement of medical school libraries.

* 43 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount has been earmarked for the improvement of medical school libraries in the current year ;

(b) if so, how much ; and

(c) how much was asked by the institutions and how much was recommended by the Advisory Committee ?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The amounts asked for by the Superintendents of the various Medical Schools are as below :—

	£	RS.
Rayapuram	260	...
Tanjore	...	560
Madura	...	4,100
Vizagapatam	215	...
Calicut (now moved to Coimbatore).	...	1,500

The amount recommended by the Medical Library Standing Committee was £150 for each Medical School.

Revision of college fees of certain medical students.

* 44 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the question of revising the college fees of medical students who failed before 1925, either wholly or in part, has been reconsidered and if so, with what result ?

A.—A copy of G.O. No. 894, P.H., dated 28th April 1925, is placed on the Council table.[a]

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Appointment of Commissioners to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

*45 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state--

(a) the respective qualifications and credentials of the Commissioners who have recently been appointed to administer the Hindu Religious Endowments Act and their salaries ;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 107 infra.

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(b) whether it is a fact that one of the Commissioners, Mr. Surya Rao, is a relative of the Chief Minister, the hon. the Raja of Panagal, and the other Mr. Chengayya his legal adviser ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mr. Chidambaram Pillai, another Commissioner, is related to the hon. Mr. Sivagnanam Pillai, the Minister for Development, and the fourth Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar belongs to the Ministerialist party ;

(d) the principle on which these appointments were made and whether they were made on territorial basis ; and

(e) if the latter, whether there is any one to represent the West Coast in the Board ?

A.—(a) The present Commissioners possess the qualification prescribed by sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1923. They were practising vakils before they were appointed as Commissioners.

(b) Mr. Surya Rao is not directly related to the Chief Minister, the hon. the Raja of Panagal. Mr. Chengayya was not his legal adviser. He has appeared in some cases for him and in others against him.

(c) Mr. Chidambaram Pillai is not related to the Minister for Development. Mr. Nataraja Mudaliyar belongs to the Ministerial party.

(d) The appointments were made on the recommendations of a Committee specially appointed for the purpose. They were not made on a territorial basis.

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao :—" With reference to answer to (d), may I know whether it was not a fact that the committee's decisions were frequently interfered with by instructions from the Minister ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" No, Sir."

Appointment of a representative of the West Coast to the Religious Endowments Board.

*46 Q.—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the districts of Malabar and South Kanara have been exempted from the operation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act ;

(b) if not, whether the hon. the Chief Minister will be pleased to exempt the Mutts in South Kanara at least, from the purview of this Act, as already promised ;

(c) even if this is not feasible, whether the hon. the Chief Minister will consider the advisability of appointing one representative in the Board from the West Coast, preferably a Madhwa Brahman, to safeguard the interests of temples and Mutts in that part of the Presidency, which forms the stronghold of the Madhwa community ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question will be considered if and when any math moves in the matter and satisfies Government that there are sufficient grounds for excluding it from the scope of the Act.

(*c*) The question will be considered when a vacancy arises.

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN :—" With reference to (*c*), may I ask the Minister whether Government have appointed honorary assistant commissioners to assist the Board in Malabar ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, I should like to have notice of the question."

Village Panchayats.

Village panchayats in the Presidency.

* 47 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the answer to question No. 193 at the last sitting and state—

12-15 p.m.

(*a*) the reasons for the marked variations in the number of village panchayats in the several districts from 1 in Malabar, 4 in South Kanara, and Guntur, 2 in Cuddapah to 10 in Nellore, 34 in South Arcot, 80 in Anantapur and 140 in North Arcot ;

(*b*) whether the Government have laid down instructions with a view to Collectors and other officers concerned encouraging the formation of village panchayats ;

(*c*) what steps Government have taken or contemplate with a view to ensuring a more or less uniform rate of progress in the growth of village panchayat system ; and

(*d*) how many of the village panchayats have been entrusted with the work of looking after forests and which of them ?

A.—(*a*) The variations are in general due to the varying degrees of enthusiasm or apathy displayed by presidents of taluk boards, the honorary organizers and the ryots. The large number in the Anantapur district is due to the specially hard work done by the President, Anantapur Taluk Board, and that in North Arcot to the intensive campaign carried out in the Polur taluk by a band of honorary organizers under the direction of a Chief Honorary Organizer.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The Government would leave the question to the Registrar-General of Panchayats, his personal assistant and his band of honorary organizers. The main duty of the Registrar-General is to organize and supervise panchayats.

(*d*) Only one—the Karkal village panchayat in the South Kanara district.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the Registrar-General of Panchayats is taking sufficient interest in the matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The only answer I can give is that he has done his level best."

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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Will the Government be pleased to state why only one village panchayat in the South Kanara district has been entrusted with the work of looking after forests ? "

Education.

Educational grant to schools in Ramnad district.

*48 Q.—Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Provincial grant for education for schools in the Ramnad district has been reduced this year ; and

(b) if so, whether there has been proportionate distribution of grants to schools in Ramnad district ?

A.—(a) The provision made in the budget estimate for 1925–26 for the payment of teaching grants to aided elementary schools has not yet been distributed among the several District Educational Councils. The amount placed at the disposal of the District Educational Council, Ramnad, for the payment of teaching grants in the year 1924–25 was Rs. 1,34,268 as against Rs. 1,18,082 in 1923–24.

(b) Does not arise.

Fostering of new University centres.

*49 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) by what means under the operation of the Madras University Act new University centres are fostered ;

(b) what special grant have Government sanctioned to the colleges at Trichinopoly and Mangalore with a view to foster an embryo university life in them ;

(c) whether there is any town in the Andhra country with more colleges and with more scholars in the college department than there are at Trichinopoly or Mangalore ;

(d) if the answer to the last question is in the negative, what justification there is for the Andhra country to have a separate University in preference to Trichinopoly or Mangalore ; and

(e) what form the Andhra University will take—(i) whether it will be on the model of the present Madras University Act, or (ii) on the model of the recent University Act superseded by the present Act ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sections 27 (1) (f) and 53 of the Madras University Act (1923) and the Preamble to the Act.

(b) The colleges referred to are given the usual grants with reference to the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Subsidiary table No. 1 (a) appended to Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1923–24.

(d) & (e) The information may be gathered from the Andhra University Bill and the Statement of Objects and Reasons which will be published shortly.

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what special grants the Government have sanctioned to the colleges at Trichinopoly and Mangalore with a view to foster an embryo university life in them ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Grants are given according to the Grant-in-Aid Code. If there are any special grants applied for they will be considered in the light of the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Cannot the Grant-in-Aid Code be amended so as to foster university life ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to clause (*a*) of this question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the Government be pleased to see that the objects mentioned in the Code are carried out in practice ? "

Revision of the Madras Educational Rules.

* 50 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 483, dated 18th March 1925, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal now before the Government to revise the Madras Educational Rules so as to make more liberal concessions to the members of the depressed classes in the secondary schools ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.Os. No. 707, Law (Education), dated 5th May 1925, and No. 855, Law (Education), dated 19th May 1925, published at pages 194 and 247–248 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th May 1925 and 23rd June 1925, respectively.

Registration.

Promotions and punishments in the Registration Department.

* 51 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Sub-Registrars in the higher and lower grades, including probationers, who have been compelled to resign, dismissed, suspended or fined and whose increments have been stopped, during the years 1922 to 1924 ;

(*b*) the number of appeals preferred to Government for mitigation of punishment and the number of cases, in which the punishments were reduced or cancelled ;

(*c*) how many Sub-Registrars of the lower grade have been promoted to the upper grade as a special case, between 1922 and 1924 ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Venkata Rao and Sriman Charam Das Baishnab of the Ganjām district were promoted to the upper grade in preference to seniors ;

(*e*) if so, how many seniors have been overlooked and whether such promotions were made on the recommendation of the head of the department, or at the will and pleasure of the hon. the Minister ;

(*f*) whether the claims of minorities and backward communities were considered in these promotions ; and

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(*g*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Registration has not given effect to certain promotions which have been ordered by the Government; if so, what action has been taken by the Government to carry out their orders?

A.—(*a*)

Compelled to resign	...	Nil.
Dismissed	...	9
Suspended	...	38
Fined	...	34
Increment stopped	...	99

(*b*) Appeals were preferred in twenty-five cases and in eight of these the punishments were either reduced or cancelled.

(*c*) Two.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) As regards the first part of the question, the hon. Member is referred to the list of registering officers. As regards the latter part, the promotions were recommended by the head of the department.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No.

Travelling allowance drawn by the Inspector-General of Registration.

* 52 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the total amount paid to the Inspector-General of Registration towards travelling allowance from 1922 to 1925?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the reply to the question No. 121 of the first Session of the Legislative Council held on 5th February 1924. The amount of travelling allowance drawn during 1923–24 and 1924–25 (including charges for conveyance of motor-car) were Rs. 6,836 and Rs. 4,832, respectively.

Transfers in the Registration Department.

* 53 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the Registration Department transfers are frequently made without adequate reason, to the great inconvenience of the officers concerned?

A.—No.

Co-operative Societies.

Audit of co-operative societies.

* 54 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken steps to devise means whereby they would be relieved of the cost of audit of co-operative societies;

(*b*) how far the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee regarding substitution of 'honorary' for 'official' agency in Co-operative Department have been carried out;

(*c*) the object of appointing honorary assistant registrars; and

(*d*) how far the object has been achieved?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1671, Development, dated 14th November 1923, and to paragraph 79 of the Registrar's administration report for the year 1923-24, both of which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 5 of the Registrar's administration report for 1923-24.

(d) Progress in this as in all other co-operative matters varies from district to district. In well-developed areas, the object with which Honorary Assistant Registrars are appointed has to some extent been achieved. In the more backward areas, it is too early to look for definite results.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what the areas are which he considers well developed and why he thinks so?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"From facts."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What facts? Is it from the number of societies or what?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"From the way in which work is done."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"What are the ill-developed areas, Sir? Is the hon. the Minister aware that the Provincial Co-operative Conference is against the continuance of this system of appointing honorary assistant registrars?"

Holidays for co-operative societies and banks

*55 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether co-operative societies and banks observe more holidays than are notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act;

(b) and, if so, whether such practice has the approval of the Government; and

(c) if not, whether the Government are inclined to bring co-operative societies and banks into a line with other banks?

A.—(a) The Government have no definite information.

(b) & (c) The matter is one for the directors and shareholders of societies and banks to decide. The Government do not propose to interfere with their discretion.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"I dare say that the Government is a constituent of the Imperial Bank, and the co-operative district banks are also constituents of the same. Does not the Government think that these banks should be brought into a line with the Imperial Bank?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"I have already explained that it is a matter to be settled between the shareholders and the directors of the banks concerned and that it is not a matter for the Government to interfere."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" When difficulties are felt by the Imperial Bank, are not the Government taking note of them and giving advice? Cannot the Government give the same advice to all concerned? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" They do not consider that this is a matter in which they should interfere."

Fisheries.

The purchase of Krusadai island by Government.

*56 Q.—Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) when was the Krusadai island near Pamban purchased by the Government, and at what cost ;

(*b*) what were the objects of the purchase of this island ;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this House the original proposals of Sir F. A. Nicholson, K.C.I.E., for purchasing this island ;

(*d*) what were the conditions of purchase ;

(*e*) how far the original objects of purchasing the island have been realized and what net expenditure has been incurred up to date ;

(*f*) whether any buildings have been erected on the island and if so, at what cost ;

(*g*) whether there were any unauthorized additional buildings constructed while the work was in progress and if so, the extra cost thus incurred ;

(*h*) whether when the additional buildings were being constructed, the question of retention of the Marine Biologist had been engaging the attention of the Government ; if so, whether the action of the officers in constructing them was not highly culpable and what disciplinary action has been taken against the officers concerned ;

(*i*) to what use the island is now put and what annual running charges are incurred at present and whether these uses really justify the maintenance of the island at Government cost ;

(*j*) whether there was any proposal from the Government of India to establish an All-India Biological station at this island and what became of the proposal ;

(*k*) whether it is a fact that the Indian Science Congress and the University of Madras have desired the Government to hand over this island to them for carrying on research work and what action has been taken thereon ; and

(*l*) whether the Government have received any other offers for the purchase of this island?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*e*) & (*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 420 at the meeting of the Council on the 5th March 1925.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) None.

(*g*) No unauthorized additional buildings were constructed. Certain improvements not provided for in the original estimates were carried out in anticipation of the sanction of Government at an additional cost of Rs. 1,350.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) The island is now used mainly as temporary headquarters for the conduct of the Ramnad Chank fishery. The annual running charges incurred are small and are covered by the receipts from the coconut trees, etc., and the lease of the right of collecting cowries.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) The University of Madras have, at the instance of the Indian Science Congress, asked that a marine biological station may be maintained by Government on the island for the use of students and biologists, the University making a contribution to Government towards the expenses of the station. The matter is under consideration.

(*l*) Yes.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Development whether improvements made by any subordinate of the department without sanction are not to be considered as unauthorized ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" There was no alteration, but only improvements, and, in the special circumstances of the case, the Government sanctioned them."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" So, shall I take it that the improvements which were carried out were all unauthorized ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Yes, that is so."

Industries.

The economic effect of the Empire Exhibition on Indian industry.

*57 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the economic effect of the Empire Exhibition on the manufactures and industries of India and Madras Presidency in particular ;

(*b*) whether any of the exhibitors have found new demands and new markets for their wares, and if so, to what extent in the year 1924–25 ; and

(*c*) whether foreign countries have come to know what we want as a result of the exhibition and are sending such articles to India and competing with Indian manufacturers to the prejudice of the latter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is not yet possible to gauge the ultimate results of the exhibition. Information as to sales, enquiries and orders at the time of the exhibition is contained in G.O. No. 377, Development, dated 12th March 1925. No information is available as to subsequent business by exhibitors.

(*c*) The aim of the exhibition was to demonstrate what India can supply and not what she requires. The Government have no information which would warrant the assumption that foreign countries as a result of the exhibition are competing with Indian manufacturers to the prejudice of the latter.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is the hon. the Minister aware that the Indian Court at Wembley was a mere bazaar of cheap and shoddy shops and with no connexion with Indian art at all ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I am not aware of that."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is he aware, Sir, that there had been no systematic attempt made to exhibit Indian manufactures and arts and that the exhibits consisted of a mere jumble of cheap articles ? "

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I say, Sir, that it is not so ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It is merely a repetition of the first question."

Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and Ink Factory, Madras.

* 58 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the officer who is responsible for the purchase of the large stock of soda-ash lying unused in the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, and the action taken by the Government with reference to him, if the purchase so made was without any necessity ;

(*b*) the total amount of the bad and doubtful debts of the Institute, referred to in the balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 1924, and the responsible officers who advanced money or its equivalents and the private individuals who owe the debts now respectively ;

(*c*) the circumstances under which 155 gallons of ink were lost in transit (vide paragraph 7 of enclosure to the letter of the Director of Industries, No. 190-E-24, dated 3rd August 1924) and the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such losses ; and

(*d*) the concern or concerns of the Government whose audit has been entrusted to Messrs. Fraser & Ross but has been carried out by them only as a test audit as in the case of the Ink Factory, Madras?

A.—(*a*) The purchase was made in the year 1918 by Sir Frederick Nicholson when, owing to the war restrictions then prevailing, supplies of caustic soda were unprocurable. The war ended sooner than was expected and caustic soda again became available in the market at a price cheaper than that at which it could be manufactured in the Kerala Soap Institute from soda ash. This accounts for the stock now lying unused in the Institute. The Director of Industries is disposing of it as quickly as possible as and when opportunity occurs.

(*b*) The total amount of bad and doubtful debts on 31st March 1924, as will be seen from the balance sheet itself, was Rs. 598–8–9. Almost the whole of it represents the value of soap advanced by the management of the Institute on credit in the usual course of business. Part of the amount is likely to be recovered. The Government consider it undesirable to publish the names of individual debtors.

(*c*) The loss was mainly due to the leakage and evaporation which occurred during transit and to a lesser extent to leakage during the loading and unloading of the barrels. It is impossible to avoid some leakage from barrels during transit and, as such transfers take place only very infrequently, the Government do not consider it necessary to prescribe any special precautions beyond the exercise of ordinary care.

(*d*) The following is a list of concerns at present test-audited by Messrs. Fraser & Ross :—

(1) Government Industrial Institute, Madras
(2) Nilambur Valley forests.
(3) Willingdon House, Ootacamund.
(4) Wynaad forests.
(5) Mount Stuart Working Circle.
(6) Industrial Engineer's Workshop.
(7) Leather Trades Institute.
(8) Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
(9) Cinchona Department.
(10) Government Industrial Institute, Madura.

In addition to the work of test-audit, Messrs. Fraser & Ross draw out trading and profit and loss accounts and balance sheets for these concerns. Of these, Nos. (1), (2), (5), (6), (9) and (10) have been commercialised from 1st April 1925 and Messrs. Fraser & Ross will from that date do the complete audit as they now do for the Russellkonda Saw Mill, the Kerala Soap Institute and the Chaliyam Cannery.

Management of the Fruit Preserving Institute at Coonoor.

* 59 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, is to be placed under the management of a party unconnected with the Industries Department and unacquainted with the line of work ;

(*b*) whether the party runs a dairy farm at Ootacamund and has no experience at all of jam-making and fruit-preservation ; and

(*c*) whether Government are satisfied that there is none in the Industries Department at present who could be entrusted with the management of the Institute on grounds of economy and better results ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A temporary Business Manager has been appointed from outside the department in place of the late Manager who was also appointed on a temporary basis from outside the department. The Manager's duties are connected with the business side of the concern and especially the sales of the products of the Institute and not with the manufacturing processes which are supervised by the factory assistant. The former is a whole-time officer and has no connexion with any dairy at Ootacamund. He has no experience of jam-making.

(*c*) No suitable officer was available in the department.

The post of Rubber Mycologist.

* 60 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the post of Rubber Mycologist was created ; and

(*b*) what are the duties assigned to the incumbent holding the post ?

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A.—(a) The post was sanctioned temporarily by the Secretary of State in July 1919 and an officer was appointed to the post on the 16th May 1921. His period of contract expired on the 15th May 1925.

(b) The officer was appointed to investigate diseases affecting rubber. The entire cost of the officer was met by the United Planters Association of Southern India to whom his services were lent during the period of his contract.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Local limits of jurisdiction of the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot.

61 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why the revenue limits of the Chittoor and North Arcot districts have been departed from in fixing the local limits of jurisdiction to the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot respectively?

A.—The revenue limits have been departed from on considerations of language, convenience of litigants and distribution of work among judicial officers.

Electricity.

Hydro-electric schemes.

62 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have come to any final decision as regards the Pykara hydro-electric scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject of hydro-electric schemes;

(c) if so, the expenses incurred or likely to be incurred in connexion with such deputation;

(d) whether it is not possible to procure the services of an expert locally otherwise than by deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject;

(e) whether Government are aware there is an expert in hydro-electricity in the service of the South Indian Railway Company; and

(f) if so, whether Government have any idea of securing his services for the Pykara scheme?

A.—(a) Negotiations are still in progress.

(b) No. The Electrical Inspector is being allowed to visit various engineering firms during his leave, but his studies will cover all kinds of electrical engineering.

(c) to (f) Do not therefore arise.

Licence to the Electric Supply Companies at Kanadukathan and Karaikudi.

63 Q.—Mr. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that an Electric Supply Corporation is now working under the grant of a licence at Kanadukathan and whether they have applied for a further licence for extending the sphere of their operation;

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(*e*) what form the Andhra University will take—(i) whether it will be on the model of the present Madras University Act, or (ii) on the model of the recent University Act superseded by the present Act ?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sections 27 (1) (*f*) and 53 of the Madras University Act (1923) and the Preamble to the Act.

(*b*) The colleges referred to are given the usual grants with reference to the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Subsidiary table No. 1 (*a*) appended to Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1923–24.

(*d*) & (*e*) The information may be gathered from the Andhra University Bill and the Statement of Objects and Reasons which will be published shortly.

(*d*) whether the Government are not aware of the fact that the village in question being very near the sea the disrepair into which the left flood-bank has fallen is likely to allow of the inundation of the surrounding lands by the flow of sea water during high tides ; and

(*e*) whether anything has been done so far to mete out justice to the pattadars under reference and if not whether the Government propose to consider their case favourably after due investigation into the matter ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, except that all the breaches made by the floods in 1924 have been closed.

(*d*) & (*e*) The proposals made by the Cauvery Committee for the improvement of drainage in this area are being taken up in order—but the particular point raised by the hon. Member will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

Police.

Suspension of traffic, etc., during His Excellency the Viceroy's journey through Mettupalaiyam.

65 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 26th April 1925 when His Excellency Lord Lytton passed through Mettupalaiyam on his way from Ootacamund the police ordered all shops to be closed and stopped all traffic, including pedestrians in the streets, for several hours before His Excellency actually passed through the town ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that police constables were posted on the roofs of houses at Mettupalaiyam on that day ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that several shop-keepers at Mettupalaiyam were asked to give a written undertaking to the police that they would have the front doors of their houses shut and that nobody would be seen in the upstair verandas of the houses ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in some instances the police constables on duty had the outside doors of residential houses shut and retained the keys until after His Excellency had safely passed through the town ; and

(*e*) if so, who are responsible for the above ?

A.—(*a*) No shops were ordered to be closed and no shops were in fact closed. Pedestrian traffic was stopped on the Mettupalaiyam road at 6 p.m., half an hour before His Excellency the Viceroy passed. It was resumed shortly afterwards.

Vehicular traffic was diverted at Mettupalaiyam toll-gate after 3-15 p.m. but exceptions were made at the discretion of the Deputy Superintendent of Police on duty.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Residents of houses and shops abutting the road were asked to be good enough to assist in the protection of His Excellency by taking care that only persons personally known to them were admitted to their houses during the progress of His Excellency. Nobody misunderstood this very reasonable request and all residents co-operated readily with those entrusted with the care of His Excellency.

No written or oral undertakings were taken from anybody and no front doors were shut. Spectators and residents gathered on the verandas of shops and houses and upstairs too to catch a glimpse of His Excellency.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The question does not arise.

Reservation of certain vacancies to Provincial Service (Police).

66 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the two vacancies arising out of the retirement on proportionate pension of Messrs. C. W. Dean and A. Swire were earmarked in G.O. No. 816, Judicial, dated 30th June 1922, for the Provincial Service, to make up the four Superintendents' posts reserved for it, and whether one or more of the posts still remain unfilled, and if so, from what date?

A.—The intention of the Government is to work up to the 11 per cent of superior posts allotted to the Provincial service at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Deane's vacancy was permanently filled by a provincial service man. Mr. Swire's vacancy remains unfilled since 24th November 1924 owing to certain protests received by Government; the matter is under consideration.

Minor Irrigation.

Repair of a tank in Dharmapuri taluk.

67 *Q.*—Mr. C. D. APPAVU CHETTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a tank bearing Survey Nos. 650 and 651 in Chikkadoranabettam village in Dharmapuri taluk, Salem district, is in a very bad condition;

(*b*) whether the public of the Dharmapuri taluk have sent in a memorial;

(*c*) whether the Government sanctioned or prepared an estimate for its repair some two or three years back;

(*d*) whether that has been carried out up till now; if not, why not; and

(*e*) whether they propose doing anything in the matter?

A.—The Government have no information in regard to the several clauses of the question except that no such estimate as that referred to in clause (*c*) has been before the Government.

Leave and Holidays.

Certain concessions under the Fundamental Rules.

68 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: With reference to answers to question 206 in the Legislative Council meeting held on Saturday, the 7th February 1925, will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the concession under rule 81 has been taken away only from officers governed by the Indian Service Leave Rules while it has been allowed to stand in the case of officers governed by the Special Leave Rules; and

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(b) why the option of reverting to the old leave rules has not been allowed to subordinates who have already elected the new leave rules after the concession allowed in the note to F.L.R. No. 87-B has been withdrawn as was done when Fundamental Rule 81 was amended, and whether, in view of the fact that this change has adversely affected the interest of all Government servants drawing Rs. 300 and less, the Government propose to allow the option to revert to the old rules as a matter of right?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply given to clause (f) of question No. 206 on 7th February 1925. In the case of officers governed by the Special Leave Rules, no amendment to Fundamental Rule 81 was made since under the old Civil Service Regulations Rules, officers governed by the European service leave rules were entitled to furlough on average salary for a total period not exceeding one year during their service. Officers governed by the Indian service leave rules were not entitled to this concession. In these circumstances, the Government do not consider it necessary to address the Government of India.

(b) The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Repair of roads damaged by the floods in South Kanara.

69 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) the several grants for repair of damage to roads caused by floods in South Kanara in 1923 and 1924;

(b) how each of the grants has been spent and what is the balance left;

(c) what more amounts have been applied for and sanctioned or refused; and

(d) how many applications, if any, for further grants are pending?

A.—(a) The District Board was given the following grants for the repair of damage to trunk roads caused by floods:—

	RS.
(1) Redecking the Panemangalore bridge ...	30,000
(2) Advance grant for the repair of trunk roads.	40,000
(3) Grant for the repair of trunk roads ...	27,097
Total ...	97,097

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The President applied for a total grant of Rs. 2,94,677. Besides the grants already sanctioned it is proposed to give Rs. 30,000 more during the current year for the repair of damage to second-class roads.

(d) None.

Nominations to local boards.

70 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have passed any orders as to the scope of the law in making nominations to local boards; and

(*b*) whether Government contemplate any amendment of the law in order to place the interests of backward, depressed and other minorities beyond the arbitrary exercise of powers by district board authorities?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Government propose to frame rules providing wherever possible for the adequate representation of minorities and backward and depressed classes by nomination.

Alleged high-handed action of the President of Tiruturaipundi taluk board.

71 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any petition containing allegations regarding certain high-handed actions of the President, Tiruturaipundi taluk board;

(*b*) if so, what action was taken thereon by Government in the first instance;

(*c*) whether the petitioner again resubmitted his petition;

(*d*) if so, on what grounds;

(*e*) what action has been taken on the resubmitted petition;

(*f*) whether the President of the taluk board referred to has been given the chance of offering his explanation on the allegations;

(*g*) the name of the petitioner;

(*h*) what orders have been finally passed by Government on the petition; and

(*i*) whether Government will be pleased to place the whole correspondence on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) to (*h*) Orders were passed in G.O. No. 1893, L. & M., dated 1st June 1925, a copy of which is placed on the table.[a]

(*i*) The answer is in the negative.

Medical.

The location of the Leprosy Hospital in Rayapuram.

72 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Leprosy Hospital in Rayapuram is situated far nearer to dwelling houses than the Infectious Diseases Hospital recently opened at Tondiarpet; if not, why he has consented to allow the Corporation to locate this hospital in the midst of residents of Tondiarpet;

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 107-108 infra.

(*b*) whether the Madras Corporation obtained the permission of the Government before selecting the site in Tondiarpet upon which the present Infectious Diseases Hospital has been constructed;

(*c*) whether any contribution towards its expenses was made by the Government; and

(*d*) whether the Government previously inquired if the site selected would be a suitable one for the location of such a hospital before the contribution, if any, was sanctioned?

A.—(*a*) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. The second part does not arise.

(*b*) No permission is necessary. The selection was reported to Government.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

The Government Leper Hospital, Madras.

73 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Leper Hospital, Madras, has been removed to the Tirumalli Leper Settlement;

(*b*) whether there is any other hospital in Madras for the treatment of lepers; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to open any out-patient dispensary for lepers in Madras and, if so, in what centres?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) An out-patient dispensary has been opened at the Government Rayapuram Hospital from 1st May 1925 for the treatment of leper patients.

Public Health.

Compulsory vaccination in Tirupur.

74 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that an eight months' old child of Mr. J. S. Mahadeva Rao, Tirupur, was compulsorily vaccinated on 26th April 1925 in spite of the protests of the father;

(*b*) whether the child immediately and as a result of the vaccination got high fever and fits and died;

(*c*) whether Government have enquired into the causes which have resulted in this mishap; and

(*d*) whether Government have any objection to exempt children from vaccination when the parents have serious objection to vaccination?

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A.—(*a*) A complaint to this effect was received from Mr. J. S. Mahadeva Rao on the 22nd May 1925. Subsequent reports received from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Tirupur, and the Director of Public Health show that a notice in the usual form was issued to Mr. Mahadeva Rao to get the child vaccinated; that a suitable day, i.e., 26th April 1925, was fixed for vaccination at his own request; that the child was held by him when the operation was performed.

(*b*) The child was vaccinated at about 8 a.m. on the 26th April 1925. At about mid-day (26th) the child had fever. It had convulsions on the 27th and died on the 29th of April at about 11-30 p.m. The Lady Apothecary and the Assistant Surgeon who attended on the child and the Assistant Director of Public Health who conducted the inquiry are of opinion that the child died of disease not connected with vaccination.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) Neglect on the part of the parent or guardian to take or cause a child to be vaccinated is punishable under the existing law only when such neglect is without 'reasonable excuse' and not otherwise.

Co-operative Societies.

Registration of co-operative reclamation societies.

75 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether co-operative reclamation societies are registered by the Co-operative Department in consultation with the Collector of the district or independently of him;

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(*c*) whether it is a fact that the hon. the Minister for Development has not asked for a separate budget allotment for provision of loans to land-reclamation co-operative societies, and if so, the reason why he has not done so?

A.—(*a*) The societies are registered by the Registrar in consultation with the revenue officers of the district.

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(*c*) As the officers of the Co-operative and Revenue departments are working in close touch with one another in the matter of land reclamation, a separate allotment of funds is considered unnecessary.

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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE SPEECH OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON INDIAN REFORMS.

12-30 p.m. * Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Sir, under Standing Order 20, I beg to move—

'the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the unsatisfactory nature of the recent speech of the Secretary of State for India in the House of Lords regarding Indian Reforms, especially with reference to this Presidency'."

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He dedicated himself from a very early age to the tasks of civic life and was for nearly half a century connected with the Corporation of Madras as a member of the general body and of various committees and towards the end of his life as its first non-official President. Indeed, it can be said without exaggeration that he was the most strenuous and notable member of the Madras Corporation during practically the whole of his active life.

"At an age when others would have preferred a life of dignified and retired ease, he threw himself into political life and with characteristic energy and in conjunction with the late Dr. T. M. Nair worked for the progress of the movement which he helped to inaugurate and won for it a significant position in the political scheme of things. In the course of his work for this movement, he displayed numerous qualities of leadership ; not the least among them being his anxious search for younger men of mettle and his steady encouragement of talent wherever it was to be found. With unselfish generosity, it will be remembered, he stood aside in favour of other men of his own party when the first Ministry under the Government of India Act was formed. He was conservative by temperament and tradition but did not fail to speak out strongly and vehemently in favour of the cause he espoused.

"It would be inappropriate here and now to deal with the history and ideals of the movement which he led. But there can be no question that he was responsible for a great upheaval of feeling and for the inauguration of a mass movement of an intensive type which was unknown and undreamt of by the communities which marched under his banner.

"We have, in this Council, known and come across him as the leader of the Ministerial Party and learnt to respect him as a valiant fighter and a trusty comrade. I cannot but advert also to another quality which in the hurry and bustle of controversy and conflict is apt to become rarer than it ought to be, namely, the spirit of good breeding and courtesy in private which animated his dealings even with his political adversaries. In club and in Council he demonstrated that it was not necessary to abandon social virtues for the sake of political warfare. We have a great deal to learn from the gentlemen of the old school of whom he was one of the most remarkable.

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Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—"With your permission, Mr. President, I want to associate myself wholeheartedly with the feelings of deep regret expressed by the hon. the Leader of the House at the death of Sir P. Tyagaraya Chettiyar His work in the Council is well known to the hon. Members of this House. As the Leader of the party in power and as a staunch exponent of a certain aspect of political life he commanded the admiration of not only the members of his own party but of the Opposition also. He was always treated with great respect. The Leader of the House has already spoken about his excellent qualities in his social relations. It is a matter of great regret that a person of such talents should be lost to this House and to the Presidency. With these few words, I beg to support this motion."

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* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—" Mr. President, I rise to associate myself with what has fallen from my hon. Colleague Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar. In the death of Sir Tyagaraya Chettiyar we have lost a great man. As a Member of this Council he held a unique position. He led the majority party and fought the Government when fighting was necessary in the interests of the people. At the same time he realized the limitations under which the constitution is working. There is no doubt, as my hon. Colleague Sir C P. Ramaswami Ayyar has said, he was an acquisition not only to this Council but to all India. As an industrialist he did yeoman service to this province. With these words, I support the motion."

* Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR:—" Mr. President, Sir, on behalf of the Indian Christian Members I most heartily associate myself with the sentiments given expression to by the hon. the Leader of the House. The deceased had many friends among Indian Christians. It was by one of the most prominent of them, the late Sir R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar, I was introduced to the deceased and made his acquaintance in the year 1894. My testimony which is the testimony of one whose acquaintance lasted for over 32 years is, it will be admitted, worth something. The attitude of the deceased towards the Indian Christian community in its social endeavours and in its political aspirations was one of uniform sympathy. As one of my friends put it there was a charem about the personality of the late Sir Tyagaraya Chettiyar. He was a man of warm sympathies. There was a ring of sincerity and earnestness in all his utterances, his actions, because he loved all and hated none."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN:—" Mr. President, on behalf of the Muhammadan Members of the House I entirely associate myself with the feelings of regret expressed by the hon. the Leader of the House at the death of Sir P. Tyagaraya Chettiyar."

Mr. T. M. ROSS:—" Mr. President, the hon. the Law Member and other hon. Members who have spoken have expressed feelings of regret at the death of Sir P. Tyagaraya Chettiyar with which I, on behalf of the community I represent, associate myself most heartily."

The motion was unanimously passed, all the hon. Members standing.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The motion is passed and the result will be communicated to the family of the deceased."

VI

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce to the House that I have appointed the following four gentlemen to be a panel of Chairmen for this session :—

(1) Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.

(2) Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo.

(3) Khan Bahadur Haji Abdullah Haji Qasim Sahib Bahadur.

(4) Rai Bahadur T. M. Narasimhacharlu."

VII

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts which were passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the date noted against each :—

The Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923 (Validation) Act, 1924	31st January 1925.
The Madras Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 1925	18th March 1925.
The Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1924 ...	1st April 1925
The Madras Agricultural Pests and Diseases (Amendment) Act, 1925	2nd June 1925."

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An Act to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920	29th April 1925.
An Act further to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919	4th May 1925.
An Act to amend the Madras Agricultural Pests and Diseases Act, 1919	14th May 1925."

IX

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following orders :—

* (i) G.O. No. 176, Development, dated 3rd February 1925, passing orders on the Audit Report and accounts for 1923–24 of the Russellkonda Saw Mill.

[a] (ii) G.O. No. 299, Development, dated 26th February 1925, recording the accounts and Audit Report of Fishery—Cannery—for quarter ending 30th September 1924.

* (iii) G.O. No. 313, Development, dated 3rd March 1925, recording Audit Report and accounts for 1923–24 of Cinchona.

* (iv) G.O. No. 377, Development, dated 12th March 1925, publishing the report of the British Empire Exhibition.

[b] (v) G.O. No. 402, Development, dated 19th March 1925, recording the Audit Report of the Fruit Preserving Institute for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

* Placed on the Editors' Table.

a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 103–113 infra.

b Printed as Appendix V on pages 114–118 infra.

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[c] (vi) G.O. No. 612, Development, dated 24th April 1925, regarding Audit Report and accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

[d] (vii) G.O. No. 629, Finance, dated 23rd July 1925, regarding the constitution of the Public Accounts and Finance Committees of the Legislative Council for 1925–26.

* (viii) G.O. No. 694, Development, dated 8th May 1925, regarding Audit Report of the accounts of the Nilambur Valley forest for the year ending 31st March 1923.

† (ix) G.O. No. 702, Revenue, dated 11th May 1925, publishing rules framed under section 26 of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923.

[e] (x) G.O. No. 967, Development, dated 6th July 1925, passing orders on the Audit Report and accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.

(2)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the Proceedings [f] of the 20th and 21st meetings of the Finance Committee for 1924–25, held on the 20th and 26th March 1925, respectively.

(3)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the list [g] of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending March 1925.

(4)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of Government Orders [h] relating to authorisation of expenditure by His Excellency the Governor under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act.

(5)

With reference to the undertaking given by the hon. the Minister for Development on 5th March 1925, the Secretary laid on the table a statement [i] giving the names, caste, educational and other qualifications of the Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies appointed for 1924–25.

(6)

With reference to the debate on 31st March 1925 on the motion of Mr. S. Satyamurti for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the President's Salary Act, 1924, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the resolution [j] recorded by the Committee appointed at the suggestion of the hon. the Law Member to consider the question of the safeguards that should be provided for, and the conditions that should be imposed on, the holder of the office of President of the Legislative Council.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Sir, with reference to item (i) (ix) I wish to know, Sir, when the Government will provide a day for discussing these rules, for I have given notice of certain amendments."

* Placed on the Editors' Table.

† Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st June 1925.

[c] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 113–126 infra.

[d] Printed as Appendix VII on page 127 infra.

[e] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 128–135 infra.

[f] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 135–137 infra.

[g] Printed as Appendix X on pages 137–141 infra.

[h] Printed as Appendix XI on pages 141–142 infra.

[i] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 143–152 infra.

[j] Printed as Appendix XIII on page 152 infra.

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think it will be proper if the hon. Member raises this question in the usual manner, i.e., at the end of question-time to-morrow."

X

ALLOTMENT OF DAYS FOR NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" His Excellency the Governor has already informed the Council that he has allotted two days for non-official business in this Council during the present sitting. I think it will probably be convenient to the House to attend to non-official business on Thursday and Friday. I hope that an announcement will be made before the end of the present sitting regarding the further allotment of non-official days during this session."

XI

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, in moving this order of the day I may preface what I have got to say by an announcement which I think will make for a different attitude with regard to this particular subject on this occasion from the one what was, if I may say so, not unnaturally manifested on the last occasion. I think, I can now announce that with the consent of my hon. Colleague, the Finance Member, I am in a position to state on behalf of Government that Rs. 5,000 will be placed at the disposal of the House Committee (Hear, hear) and not only that, but that if further expenditure, inevitable in character is also within the programme of the House Committee Government will not by any means be averse to considering enlargement of that grant. (Hear, hear.) Hon. Members of the House Committee when appointed will be as keen guardians of the public purse as any others. That being so, I now move that in pursuance of Standing Order No. 80, this Council do proceed to elect six members to be members of the House Committee, according to the principle of proportionate representation by means of the single transferable vote."

* The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I second it, Sir."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that with reference to Regulation II of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 2 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election to the House Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

XII

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1925-26.

Grant XVII (i).

12-45 p.m. * The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

' *that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 27,740 *under* " 31-*C. Education—Primary—Grants to local bodies for primary education*—(i) *Local bodies—Buildings* " *for grants towards the cost of construction of elementary school buildings. The amount will be met from the surplus due to the remission of the provincial contribution to the Government of India*'."

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" Sir, the memorandum that has been circulated to hon. Members explains the reasons for this grant. There has been a large number of applications to the extent of Rs. 12 lakhs from the local bodies for building grants. But on a review of all these applications it was found that there were two classes of cases which required very careful consideration. One related to those grants that were given to local bodies; they could not complete the works, and so, their balances were resumed by the Government. The second class of cases are those where the local bodies undertook to pay half the cost of construction. After analysing the two classes of cases, the total amount came to about Rs. 1,06,594 ; and half the amount payable by the Government is Rs. 50,000. The year having already advanced, the works cannot be completed within the year and therefore only half that amount will be needed this year. The demand for Rs. 27,740 has thus been arrived at."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I move—

'*To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 27,740 *by Rs* 100.'

" Sir, since I gave notice of this motion, a paper is placed in my hands explaining how the amount that is available owing to the remission of the provincial contribution is expected to be utilized. I am glad that so far as that is concerned, my point is answered. But as regards the specific question I raise, viz., the payment from the education funds of local bodies at the current rate of school fees the point of view of the Government requires to be explained. Sir, under section 47 of the Elementary Education Act, what all is necessary is that a elementary education fund should be constituted ; into it, the contribution of the local authority and the proceeds of the education tax and the corresponding contribution from the Government should be put and the fund has to be operated upon by the local body. There is no specific mention in the Act at any rate that the compensation to be paid to the elementary school teachers should be at a particular rate. But in a Government Order they have limited the payment of compensation to what are called standard rates, as opposed to the current school-fee rates. The disparity between the standard rates and the current school fee rates is so very prominent that payment of compensation at the standard rates would work very great hardship upon the poor schoolmasters who have been conducting these aided elementary schools. For instance, I may point out that the amount payable under the standard rate system as compensation to aided elementary school managers will be Rs. 16,670 as against the amount payable according to current school fee rates which would be about Rs. 72,648 in the city of Madras alone. Very few municipalities, as you are aware, have introduced compulsion and most of the municipalities are prevented from introducing compulsory education on account of lack of funds. I expected that when the provincial contribution was remitted, a large part of that remission at least would be utilized for subsidising municipalities by means of enlarging the moiety of Government contribution towards the Elementary Education Fund. I see no indication in that direction. On the other hand, instead of the normal expenditure being met from the normal revenues, even for the grant of these normal requirements the amount of the remission of the provincial contribution is encroached upon. I wish that the hon. the Minister for Education would separate the amount that is available to him on account of the remission of the provincial contribution for additional expenditure, instead of meeting the normal

requirements as it is in the proposed grant that he demands from the Legislative Council. The Corporation of Madras found great difficulty in satisfying the very legitimate demands of the schoolmasters for the payment of compensation for school fees. The Government have further limited that the compensation should be paid only for a period of five years. Even in regard to this, there is no specific mention in the Elementary Education Act that the compensation should be limited to a limited number of years. I do not know the reason why, so long as the schools are in efficient condition, we should not give compensation to aided institutions instead of founding institutions which may be run after all in a mechanical fashion. The control and enthusiasm in running aided private schools will be absent in the schools run by a local authority. Further, the local authorities are not rich enough to take the management of aided schools and check them properly. It therefore seems to be more economical to subsidise the private institutions by granting adequate amounts. On representations being made to the Government by the Madras Corporation they have issued another Government Order stating that they have no objection to the difference between the standard and the current rates being met out of the general revenue. I wonder whether the Madras Corporation requires the permission of the hon the Minister for Education to do that. We have made ample provision for the remission of school fees at the current rates and the hon. the Minister for Education accepted the budget. While the amount for the payment of compensation and the money we were spending for the midday meal of very poor classes, viz., depresses classes were allowed to remain in the budget, we were further asked to make further encroachments upon our general revenues. It seems to me quite unfair that, while our budget contained provision for payment of compensation at full rates and for spending for midday meals and was accepted by the Government and also while the Government insisted that that money should not be curtailed, we should be asked further to encroach upon the general revenues of the Corporation. I am afraid the hon. the Minister not fully cognisant of the financial condition of the Corporation to ask it to further encroach upon general revenues. We are by no means rich and what we are now spending on primary education has increased by about 100 per cent from what it was about two years ago. I expect that the hon. the Minister for Education will be more sympathetic, if not to the Madras Corporation, at least to the elementary school teachers so that we may be permitted to pay them at the full rates without any limitation of period so long as the schools continue to be efficient and well-managed. In asking this request of the hon. the Minister for Education, I am sure that we are not asking for any more money. We only want his permission that the amount may be taken from the Elementary Education Fund and be spent I hope, Sir, that the hon. the Minister's answer will be sympathetic."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" Sir, my motion is—

'To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,740 by Rs. 100.'

"I propose to discuss the points which I have already given notice of, that is, to discuss the desirability of increasing the number of grant-in-aid schools instead of starting only more board schools. This point has, to some extent, been anticipated by my hon. Friend Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti. Calculating from the figures of Anantapur district a board school costs

Government Rs. 250 a year, whereas the grant to private schools comes to Rs. 50. I am giving the average figures. For every board school we can maintain five aided schools. We can as well afford help by increasing the subsidy to aided institutions. Therefore I would suggest that every possible encouragement should be given to private schools by granting additional aids and that will be a sure way of increasing the number of schools. I say that if statistics are taken not only for my district but for other districts also, hon. Members will be in favour of increasing the aid given to private schools and increasing private schools for spread of education.

" Coming to the second point that the girls may be awarded scholarships by the headmistress of girls' schools and by the District Educational Officers, I think there is every justification for it. As a matter of fact, I had occasion to see that very poor deserving girls going to headmistresses who were absolutely unable to help them. I learn that such powers are given to District Educational Officers in the case of boys' schools. I do not know why similar powers should not be given to headmistresses who are in charge of girls' schools.

" The third point is one which has been discussed several times. As regards that, recently a press communiqué was issued by the hon. the Minister for Education. It has been stated in that communiqué that the rule has been misinterpreted. Girls were allowed to pay half fees for the last five or six years. The hon. the Minister stated that there has been misinterpretation of the rule; and the payment of the proper rates is insisted upon to the detriment of the girls going to school. I consider that all possible encouragement should be shown towards the improvement of female education. As the depressed classes are in need of special aids, so also girls of every caste in India may be said to be depressed for want of education, and to stand in need of Government aid. Therefore I suggest that we may have a uniform rate of half the standard fees for all school-going girls irrespective of the class or community. So long as female education in this Presidency is not well off and needs special encouragement by the Government, I think that this matter requires serious consideration irrespective of the exact wording of rule 92 of the Educational Rules. I submit that in the interests of female education the old system of paying half fees for girls should continue and must be ratified by the Government and thus the Government must show their sincerity towards the cause of female education. I gave notice of this motion to raise those three points and I request that the Government may lay down a more sympathetic policy in this respect."

1 p.m. * Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" The motion that stands in my name runs as follows—

that the allotment of Rs. 27,740 under grant XVII be reduced by Rs. 100.'

" I gave notice of this motion in regard to this demand for the purpose of raising the question of admission of the members of the depressed classes into public schools. Sir, it is apparent that board schools are built out of grants made by the Government. It is true that Government are making laudable attempts to see that members of the depressed classes are admitted freely in all public schools. But we are not concerned in any way with the

attempts they are making in this direction. We are concerned more with the results which the Government have been able to achieve than with the attempts they are making ; and the former, I may say, are far from satisfactory. Now, Sir, when they are not able to remove all the existing irregularities, I wish to know whether there is any guarantee that such irregularities will not prevail in the schools which are going to be built out of public funds for which this hon. House is now asked to vote. Sir, when such is the state of affairs, I say frankly that this demand which is made for the purpose of building these schools should not be granted. Sir, are we right in voting for this grant when these schools are being conducted on sectarian lines? A discussion of this sort is not at all necessary in a progressive country, but in India notably in the southern parts the circumstances are different; indeed they are very peculiar. It is true that the inspecting officers and Government are taking steps to remove all these irregularities, but they care more for popular ity than for seeking redress of the grievances of the depressed classes. They are afraid that if they are to admit depressed class pupils more freely, they will become unpopular. When there is utter denial of admission, how is it possible for the depressed classes to produce B.A.'s and S.S.L.C. students ?

"Coming to the question of the grant of poverty certificates for school fees, it is true that half rate fees is levied according to the Madras Educational Rules. But I want to make a clear distinction between the members of the backward communities and members of the depressed classes. The members of the backward communities are quite distinct and separate from those of the depressed classes. The depressed classes are 'untouchables,' whereas the members of the backward community are not 'untouchables.' The latter are not very backward socially and materially. They may be very backward in point of education. The depressed classes are both materially and morally backward. They are the depressed and oppressed classes. It is for this reason, Sir, that I claim particular concession for them and I think I am right in doing so. All I wish to place before this hon. House is that at least one-fourth of the standard amount of school fees may be levied in the case of depressed classes, whoever they may be, where poverty certificate for full remission is not granted. I hope that members of the depressed classes will at least get this privilege during the regime of the party in power, and that the hon. the Minister in charge will sympathetically consider their claims. The hon. the Minister for Education was kind enough to make several assurances that whenever favourable opportunities occurred, he would be able to fulfil his promise. Now he may turn round and say 'What can I do? No favourable opportunity has occurred to me.' Under these circumstances I would suggest that a special agency should be appointed to look into the affairs of the depressed classes. Unless a special agency is created for the amelioration of the depressed classes, I do not think that any progress will be made, and any amount of noise made in this Council will not achieve better results."

Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu :—" Various points have been raised on this motion covering a variety of topics. Regarding the main motion for supplementary grant for elementary school buildings, I would first point out that the hon. the Minister for Education would have done well in taking us more into his confidence, had he given us some indication as to the policy which the Government would like to pursue for the purpose

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of securing the local boards permanent buildings of their own. He has told us that applications were received for the purpose to the extent of Rs. 1 lakh and odd and that out of the amount of Rs. 54,000 only Rs. 27,000 is likely to be spent this year. It is well known that about 66 per cent of the schools are not located in proper buildings and that it is desirable to have a programme arranged to be carried out in the course of some years and also to make adequate provision for this purpose. He was good enough to tell us that year after year substantial subsidies were made for the purpose of school buildings. I wish it were really carried in the spirit in which it is made. What is the provision made year after year for the purpose of helping local boards in constructing new buildings for elementary schools? We were informed that the provision made in the last budget was Rs. 37,000 for the purpose of enabling the local boards to complete the schools that have already been established and that was why it had become necessary for him to come forward with a supplementary grant for the purpose of providing adequate funds. I am glad that a beginning has been made and I hope he will be able to carry out that policy by asking for larger grants for that purpose.

" My hon. Friend from Anantapur has raised a question on this motion as to the desirability of opening more aided elementary schools. I think while we are all anxious that there should be a wider expansion of education by opening a larger number of schools at a cheaper cost, we must not lose sight of the fact that there should be efficiency in respect of these elementary schools. I am not making any remarks by way of opposition to what my hon. Friend from Anantapur told us, but I would advise him caution before asking for a general opening of elementary schools in larger numbers. I wish to bring to his notice that not only in the district from which I come, but in some other districts where it has been the duty of the district educational councils to make grants for these aided institutions, it has been the unfortunate experience that while they are granting aid to new schools, they have been closing the old ones. This is due to the fact that much better supervision is required for the purpose of securing efficient instruction in these schools than anything else. Though in several aided schools I am free to confess that inspection is much better than in board schools, there are many schools where the instructions given would probably have been better had there been more efficient supervision. I would therefore suggest that you cannot embark upon an experiment of merely starting aided schools on account of the less cost involved thereby, but we must examine the condition of each village and provide for efficient inspection of the school concerned. There are cases in which it would be well to get proper teachers and establish aided schools. There are also cases where aided schools will not do. Therefore I would suggest that we ought not to accept the general suggestion made that wherever possible and feasible we shall have aided schools.

" Regarding the suggestion made by my hon. Friend Mr. Veerian, I think one who has heard him might go forth with the impression that public schools are not managed properly. I wish to blot out that impression. As regards local board schools, whatever might have been their state of affairs for decades, there has been improvement in their management. Government have also been sending circulars from time to time to various schools and I would ask hon. Members of this House to see whether there has been any

restriction in the matter of admission of the depressed class pupils into those schools. It will be noticed by examining the figures relating to the strength of the various local board schools from time to time, that there has been an improvement in the strength of the depressed class pupils. While the local boards are trying to shoulder the responsibility and do whatever they can for the purpose of ameliorating the condition of the depressed classes, I for one would be very sorry, if one were to go forth from this House with the impression that the state of things with regard to the depressed classes is the same as it was before. I am quite prepared to confess that there may be cases of mishaps here and there, but those mishaps, though actually less, are bound to be removed. The policy of the Government and the local boards has been that wherever schools are started out of public funds it is the duty of the authorities of those schools to see that all classes of pupils are admitted into them and I wish that the impression that depressed classes are not admitted freely in them does not get abroad.

"Now coming to another question, namely, one-fourth fee being granted to all members of the depressed classes, I for one would not object to it But I may tell hon. Members of this House that taking advantage of the concession which has now been granted by the Government under the present rules attempts are being made not only to grant full fee concessions in the case of depressed classes but we are proceeding much further than what my hon. Friend Mr. Veerian has stated just now. We have set apart one-tenth of the income of the school towards full fee scholarships subject to the limitation that depressed class pupils should have the first preference. As far as possible the local boards are moving fastly. This is my experience as also the experience of some other members.

"Upon the main motion I would strongly appeal to the hon. the Minister for Education that the provision made is not much Such a small sum to cover a wide area is quite inadequate and I would ask the hon. Minister for Education to be more liberal."

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" Sir, my motion is a very simple one. I want to have information on two points. They are these. The first is how much money out of the remission of provincial contribution of Rs. 29½ lakhs are available and how all these will be utilized for the development of transferred subjects. Then, out of these few lakhs I wish to know at this stage from the hon. the Minister for Education how much money could be secured for the Educational department especially for the advancement of primary education. Sir, in the explanatory note which he was kind enough to furnish us it is stated that we are to get about 6 lakhs. I should like to know whether it is all that we can get out of 29½ lakhs or anything more than the amount that is mentioned here.

" Secondly, at this stage it is desirable that we should know the principle on which the grant for elementary education is to be distributed in various districts. It is necessary also to determine what the policy of the Government would be in this direction because there are some districts in this Presidency, for instance like Tanjore and Madura, and such other districts, which have a literacy of 10, 12 and 15 per cent. There are districts

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on the other hand like Ganjām and Vizagapatam which have a very poor percentage of literacy. There the literacy percentage extends from 3 to 3½ per cent.

"I think that at this hour of the day it is necessary for the Government to make up their mind about an equitable distribution in a way so as to bring backward districts to the level of the forward districts. And in doing this I think special attention should be devoted by the Government in regard to districts like Ganjam, Vizagapatam and the Ceded districts which need adequate provision being made in the direction. It is therefore necessary, Sir, that we should have a clear enunciation of the policy of the Government. We hope that there will be as years pass a further reduction in the provincial contribution and we shall be able to devote, as time goes on, more money for the expansion of elementary education in the Presidency.

1-15 p.m.

" Thirdly, coming to the substantive proposition, I would request the hon. the Education Minister to increase this provision as the amount now asked for is very very meagre to meet the demands of the various local bodies. To my knowledge, Sir, there have been various demands from the Ganjam district. And I think the Government are, under the Elementary Education Act, morally at least bound to make provision for such institutions because of the undertaking they have given under section 37 of the Act, I believe, to provide half the net cost towards school buildings started and approved by the educational authorities. It is not therefore desirable on the part of the Government nor would it be for the betterment of the local bodies that the latter should be deprived of the grant which they richly deserve. So I request the hon. Minister to come forward for more grants for the purpose."

* Mr J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mr. President, I have always felt a deep sympathy for the aspirations of the depressed classes. But I think that even my hon. Friend, Mr. Veerian, will admit that there are depressed classes within depressed classes. Some of the depressed classes look down with contempt and scorn upon others. I have been associated with more than one depressed class mission and have always found that there are depressed classes who do not wish to associate themselves with other depressed classes in matters of water-supply and even school buildings. Thus there are untouchables among the depressed classes themselves. That is a fact which the local bodies have to reckon with in providing wells and other amenities of life for the depressed classes. I for one must at the same time recognize that with the aid and general co-operation of the local boards and municipalities the utmost that is possible is being done for the elevation of the depressed classes. I feel bound to endorse the statement of my hon. Friend from Nellore whose assurance, I hope, must have impressed the hon. Member, Mr. Veerian, with what is being done on behalf of the depressed classes by the local bodies and the public at large

" I want to bring once again to the notice of the hon. the Minister for Education the antipathy that is found to exist between taluk and district board schools and schools managed by missionary and private bodies. I may mention here that in missionary schools under Catholic management non-Catholic pupils are not as a matter of fact required to attend religious classes Yet, I find that in more than one place where a parish school under the

patronage of the vicar has been established, the taluk board out of some sectarian antipathy established its own school which went so far as to paralyse the activities of the former. I hope that care will be taken that money is not spent by the taluk board in opening schools of their own at the cost of the board to the prejudice of the aided institutions already existing in the locality."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" I wish to say just one word, Sir, by way of requesting the hon. Minister for Education that in the utilization of the amount granted, he would see his way towards helping private agencies engaged in the expansion of elementary education. I see that the hon. the Minister nods assent and I should like that to be recorded. I am glad that he has consented to the view that increased grants should be provided for the expansion of elementary education. And I believe, from his own experience as the Education Minister and as a public man, he must have learnt by this time that no one agency can suffice for the spread of elementary education in the country. Neither the Government nor the local bodies nor private agencies by themselves can provide for the increased expansion in elementary education that is required for the development of the country. We want all our resources to be mobilised and I would therefore urge that the private agencies, especially the missionary agencies working in the direction, are encouraged.

" There is another educational reason which I should like to advance for increased encouragement being given to the development of elementary education by private agencies. In educational matters, more than in any other, progress is advanced by competition. Board schools are liable to get improved, to take lesson in the most effective way from a private school near the locality and efficiency is therefore being advanced by private agency schools and board schools being placed in competition with each other. This kind of competition is not injurious ; it is in the interests of educational improvement and it is not unhealthy. I am sure that education is bound to advance with better results by this kind of competition, by this sort of parallel enterprise of private bodies and local boards. I therefore request the hon. Minister that, side by side with these grants to local bodies, provision is also made for helping private agencies making laudable efforts in the expansion of elementary education."

Diwan Bahadur W. VIJAYARAGHAVA MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, I beg to add a few words of appeal on behalf of aided school teachers. My hon. Friend from Anantapur has suggested that aided education must be improved and enlarged and the number of private schools should be very much increased instead of opening new board schools. That is, I am afraid, a debatable point. Moreover, Sir, it has been my experience that, whether well founded or not, there is a prejudice in favour of board schools as against aided schools on the part of the public. The reason seems to be that these aided schools are not efficiently managed. I have known instances where some aided schools—non-missionary aided schools I mean —are being efficiently managed and there are also cases where the missionary schools are doing very good work. But I must admit that in the large majority of cases the non-missionary aided institutions are of an inferior order and cannot compare with board schools which have the advantage of greater care and attention being bestowed upon them. Therefore it is, Sir, that wherever I go as

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IV—ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION—*cont.*

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" If hon. Members want to continue the debate, they will have to do it after lunch.

" Before we adjourn for lunch, I have to inform the House that the motion for the adjournment of the House moved by the hon. Member, Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar, has been disallowed by His Excellency the Governor under rule 22 (2) of the Legislative Council Rules as not being primarily the concern of the Local Government."

The House then (1-35 p.m.) adjourned for lunch to meet again at 2-30 p.m.

After Lunch (2-35 p.m.).

XII—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1925-26—*cont.*

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" If the hon. Member from Coimbatore does not propose to continue his speech, I will ask the hon. the Minister for Education to reply."

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—" I have not finished my remarks, Sir. May I finish the speech ? "

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" The demand has been discussed for a long time and if the hon. Member wishes to wind up in a sentence or two, he can do so."

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—" I only want to say this. We should not think that we have effected great advancement in education by finding more money and establishing more schools. What I would urge is that the quality of education must be improved along with the number of schools and the large amount of money we are spending on them. By giving grants according to the results of the schools, we will be inducing the teachers to work hard and earn very much more. But if the grants are given on mere recommendations of certain authorities, it will all depend on favouritism or otherwise of the inspecting authorities who recommend these grants. We know in what way these grants are distributed and there are so many difficulties and hardships experienced by teachers, by our not giving proportionate benefit as between the teacher who works hard and the one who simply marks time. I therefore appeal to the hon. the Minister for Education that along with his taking credit for spending large amounts for primary education and multiplying the number of schools that he would be kind enough to see that the quality of education is improved by resorting to the former method of giving grants according to the results of the schools."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Mr. President, I want to add only one word in regard to this matter. I feel gratified that we have been able to secure some funds for the expansion of elementary education. But I feel disheartened when, at any rate in the mufassal, we find that the sort of education that is available now is not the sort of education that we want. I am disposed to feel that much of this money is practically wasted in the so-called elementary education and the increase of the number of schools. For one thing the

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teachers are very poorly paid and between starvation and all the necessaries of life which they have to meet they do not find incentive enough to educate the little children entrusted to their care. Most of these elementary school teachers are perhaps equipped with only elementary knowledge of education, and they pass through what they call a sort of training; and they are paid from Rs. 12 to Rs. 16 a month, which is hardly sufficient to keep body and soul together. They are asked to teach these young children in the most impressionable period of their lives. The curriculam of studies also as compared with that which was available in the good old days when there were merely pial schools is not at all satisfactory. Perhaps if we compare those people who read in the pial schools and who are now occupying different stations in life with those that are taught in the so-called board elementary schools or municipal elementary schools, by far the largest number of really cultured people will be found from among those who came from pial schools. Therefore I would very earnestly appeal to the hon. the Minister for Education that when he is spending this sum—about which we feel gratified—he would also be pleased to consider the sort of education imparted to these children. In this connexion I wish also to very humbly request the hon. the Minister to see that the pay and prospects of these poor elementary teachers, whether in aided schools or board schools or municipal schools, should substantially be increased. Unless these two things are done any amount of money that we may spend on elementary education will be only fanciful and not really useful."

Mr. R. SRINIVASAN :—" Sir, I want to say only a very few words. In my recent tour in the southern districts, I found in the cheries where the depressed class people live that the Labour department was not able to establish schools as they could not get the attendance of more than 50 children. So, the Labour department could only start one school for about ten or eight villages. Thus the House will see how long it will take to educate the children of the depressed classes at that rate. So what is very necessary is that better machinery should be devised to start the schools. As for what has been said by hon. Members regarding private agencies, unless such private agencies come out to impart education purely on humanitarian lines, the depressed classes cannot appreciate it or get any benefit from it. If the private agency were merely a propagandist agency of religion or politics, I think it would serve more as an impediment than a help to education. These two points I want to impress on the attention of the House."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, I support the motion for reduction moved by Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti. I believe it is only a token motion. I want that the fee compensation paid to aided schools should be met purely from educational funds. If the standard rates which come to nearly 1/5th of the fee compensation are to be paid out of the education fund, the rest has to be met from the general revenues. In the Madras Corporation we are having only four divisions under compulsory education. The ratepayers of other divisions are likely to grumble if we are to meet the expenses of four divisions from the general revenues. So I would request the hon. the Minister to grant us permission to meet our expenses for school-fee compensation from the education fund alone."

Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU :—" Mr. President, Sir, I also support the token motion of Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, and in doing so, I wish to emphasize the fact that has been already made clear, namely, that the

elementary school teachers are not properly paid, and this is specially the case with regard to aided schools where they are getting very little. And if the standard rates are to be the guiding factor as far as municipalities are concerned they will get precious little, and much less than what they are now getting. Hence it is that the Corporation of Madras has decided that they should pay the fees that are actually charged, and with that idea made ample provision for it in the elementary education fund. But a Government Order has subsequently been issued whereby the power of giving the full rates has been denied to the Madras Corporation and it has been stated that under the Elementary Education Act only standard rates could be paid from out of the funds, and that if the Corporation is minded to pay the actual or full rates, the amount should be met from the general revenues of the Corporation That is certainly putting the Corporation at a disadvantage. Probably after deriving experience during the year, the Corporation may change its policy in subsequent years But for the purpose of seeing that things are done in a satisfactory manner and that the Corporation is not overburdened, it is but proper that these amounts of money are to be paid from the elementary education fund and not from the general revenues of the Corporation. Besides that, Sir, there is also the other fact that these elementary school managers have been basing their whole livelihood on the schools and are depending on them for their maintenance. Now if you tell them that they will have the benefit for five years and after that they will be left to shift for themselves, it will be a hardship. Therefore the other recommendation that, as far as the Madras Corporation is concerned, these teachers should be continued as long as the schools are efficiently managed should also receive the careful consideration of the hon. the Minister for Education. I therefore support the token motion moved by Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti."

Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM :—"పల్లెటూళ్ల పిల్లలకు పనికివచ్చేవిద్యను బోధించనంత వరకును స్థానికసంఘములుగాని, ప్రభుత్వమువారుగాని, ప్రారంభ విద్యావిషయములో ఎంత డబ్బుఖర్చుపెట్టినా అదియంతయు వ్యర్థమే. ఇదివరకు, పల్లెటూళ్లలో నాల్గోక్లాసు ముగించి, వ్యవసాయమునకో, తమ ఇతర వృత్తులలోనికో దిగేవరకు, పిల్లవానికి బాగా చదువుట, వ్రాయుట వచ్చియుండేది. ఈ విషయములో పది సంవత్సరములకు పూర్వమునకును ఇప్పటికిని చాలభేదం గాన్పించుచున్నది. అప్పటి పిల్లవాళ్లు ప్రైమరీ ముగించి, వెళ్లేవరకు వచన కావ్యములను, మాతృభాషలోని పద్య కావ్యములను సులభముగా అర్థముజేసుకొను శక్తికలిగియుండెడివారు. ఇప్పటి ప్రైమరీ జదివినవారు, కావ్యముల నర్థముజేసుకొనుమాట అటుంచి, వచన కావ్యమును ధాటిగా చదువనైనను చదువలేకున్నారు. ఇప్పటివారు సంతకముజేయగలిగినను విద్యగాని భాషాజ్ఞానముగాని శూన్యము. అందుచే ప్రస్తుతవిద్యాపద్ధతినిమార్చి ఉపయోగకరముగానుండునటుల జేయువరకు ఎంతడబ్బు ఖర్చుపెట్టినా వ్యర్థమేగాని, సద్వినియోగం మాత్రముకాదు."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"Sir, I am glad that there has been such an interesting and varied discussion on this subject of elementary education. The problem relating to the pial school up to the fifth standard of the elementary school, and then the responsibility of the local bodies and aided agencies, all have been mooted and discussed with great interest. Hon. Members will be glad that we have here to-day my hon. Colleague, the Finance Member, who takes

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such a deep and abiding interest in the spread and expansion of elementary education. Some of you must have read already his note on elementary education. Therefore, I am glad that he has been following very keenly the very many demands that have been made from various sources regarding the expansion of elementary education. I am sure that when the Educational Department sends its schemes before the hon. the Finance Member we will have a very favourable hearing ('Hear, hear' from Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti), and next time that I appear before you for a demand it will not be for Rs. 25,000 merely, but it will be Rs. 27 lakhs for the purpose of education (Voices of 'Hear, hear') provided that the hon. the Finance Member is able to find finances sufficiently from the provincial revenues for this purpose.

"I appreciate very much the enthusiasm of my hon. Friend Mr. Veerian in the cause of the depressed classes. I yield to none in holding that their cause is very just, but we shall have to move very cautiously in the matter. We have given instructions to the local bodies that in every public school there must be a rule for admitting freely all classes of people, and in the reports which are submitted to the Government by the District Educational Councils and educational officers we have made it obligatory that they should report in their turn as to how many pupils of the depressed classes have been admitted, or whether there has been any impediment in admitting them into those schools. Periodical reports received by Government are reviewed from time to time by the Government, and it is very gratifying to see that there has been a very rapid progress in the matter of free admission of all classes of people into public schools. If there have been stray cases of institutions which have been unjust and unfair, my hon. Friend Mr. Veerian is not slow to bring such cases to the notice of Government, and steps have been taken, whenever information of the kind has been furnished to the department or to the Government, for setting things right, and local bodies have been warned when they were found to be failing in their duties. Therefore, on this occasion, I wish to assure him and the other hon. Members that, in the matter of admission of the depressed classes freely into all public schools aided by Government, there has been very rapid advance and that we have no reason at all to feel dissatisfied with the progress made so far.

"Then, Sir, my hon. Friend from Anantapur referred to grants made to aided schools. I am afraid he has been a little impatient in the matter. If he had only waited and seen what the next demand for supplementary grant was going to be for, he would be gratified to see that we have asked a large amount of about Rs. $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs for increasing the teaching grants to aided schools. We have also with the help of the Finance Department been able to make provision for opening about 480 new schools in the areas where the local boards have not been discharging their respsonsibility in the matter of levying the cess. Therefore, hon Members will see that the policy of the Government has not been merely to aid the local bodies in the expansion of education but to utilize all the sources available for securing that end, namely, universal elementary education. In another place, I stated that we have worked out a plan by which all villages with a population of 500 or above are to have each a school conducted properly by a teacher duly qualified, and to that end, to meet the necessity for teachers, we have made provision that all those who have passed the third form or read up to the sixth form should be deemed qualified to teach in place of trained elementary

teachers, so that not merely the fifth standard trained teacher would be available as referred to by my hon. Friend from Tenali, but a well educated young man who is willing to remain in his own place, if he has got the patriotism and enthusiasm to devote himself for the purpose of advancing the cause of elementary education, could easily open an institution in his village, and then if he can also enlist the sympathy and support of the villagers or the village panchayat, he will thus help the Government and co-operate in the matter of expanding elementary education in that area. In the case of local bodies, wherever they have been able to raise the cess to the utmost extent and if it is not possible for them to raise enough under the Elementary Education Act, Government have liberally worked the provisions of the Act. If they had not been thus able to adequately finance the schools in their areas, there also the Government would come to the aid of the local bodies. Side by side, we have been trying to open schools in areas where the local boards have been unable to raise or have declined to raise the cess, and in order to impress the responsibility resting on them we have been inducing educational agencies, both mission and non-mission, to start elementary schools in such areas. We have therefore not merely raised the teaching grant from 40 per cent but we have also provided for equipment and we are also providing grants for the purpose of finding school buildings. Hon. Members will realize that in this Presidency we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the aided agency in the matter of the expansion of elementary education. Among the aided agencies, the Christian missions have played a most prominent part in the educational progress of Southern India. I appeal to them and also to the public in order that they may co-operate with the villagers and form village panchayats and start elementary schools, so that they may be eligible to receive the grants under the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Educational Rules. Recently, within the last fortnight, we have issued a circular calling upon every District Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools to visit the villages in school less areas and appeal to the local people and find some one who would be able to start an institution so that Government may recognize it. We have also issued instructions to the District Educational Councils to take steps in regard to the opening of new schools in accordance with the provisions of the Elementary Education Act. In these ways, we have been doing propaganda work, so that the public may be aroused and public enthusiasm may be utilized for the purpose of securing rapid progress in elementary education in rural areas. Now, the provision that has been made in the budget on the last occasion, and the grant which I am going to ask you to vote to-morrow or the day after will show that Government do not lag behind in the matter of advancing the cause of popular education in the rural areas. This is so far as the policy is concerned.

"With regard to the particular questions raised by my hon. Friend from Anantapur, I have to say that in the matter of the headmasters and the headmistresses being given the power of granting scholarships in the girls' schools, I am afraid he has not been very well informed. The present practice is that, according to the rules, the headmistress and the District Educational Officer will have to prepare a list and submit it to the Director of Public Instruction. There may be certain cases where scholarships may not be available for a whole area, and therefore there must be a central

authority who could distribute these scholarships equitably among the various districts. Again, in any one district, certain scholarships are not utilized for one reason or other, and therefore it is necessary that the Director of Public Instruction should have the power of ultimately deciding which area should have scholarships and of transferring them from one area to another. It is not therefore practicable to give that power to the headmistress or District Educational Officers.

"With regard to half-fees in the case of girls, I quite sympathize with my hon. Friend. Personally speaking, I would like, if finances permitted, to do more to encourage the advancement of female education. But as you see, the rules have been worked for the last few years in such a way as to cause the least amount of hardship in the matter of expansion of female education. We have given as much licence as possible to grant exemptions wherever poverty has stood in the way of parents educating their girls If there are any areas in which difficulty is felt owing to the girls having to pay full fees, I shall examine the matter and see how far that difficulty could be minimised. As an administrative problem and as a financial question, it will not be possible for me to make a general statement on the matter now.

"Then, my hon. Friend, the representative for the City of Madras, said that the educational fund is intended to be utilized for the purpose of subsidising—I use the word 'subsidising' deliberately—for the purpose of subsidising the teacher managers whatever may be their condition, whatever may be their financial means; because compulsory education means that from the grant that you make they have to get the actual income they were earning. But I must remind the hon. Member that the education fund under the Act is intended primarily and essentially for the purpose of expansion of elementary education and not for serving any accessory purpose or for securing other ends. I would urge that the intention of the legislature should be realized that all the resources available should be pooled, that they should be applied for the purpose of expansion of education and that they should not be spent towards any subsidiary nature. Therefore, it is not possible to frame any other rule than what has already been framed under the Education Act. Before the rule was framed as to the principle of subsidy and the compensation to be given, the draft was published and we have had it circulated to the Municipalities, to all the District Educational Councils. Only a few of them raised some objections but not of a nature that related to the principles of it but to other matters. After considering all those criticisms, the rule was made absolute. If this rule had not been published for consideration of the public on its merits something could be said against it. But before the rule was made absolute, every possible publicity was given to it.

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"I may state again that in the case of those teacher managed schools or in the case of those who are managers of schools in the city or elsewhere, it is difficult to ascertain the fee it is actually earning. The standard rate has therefore been fixed."

* Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"What is the difficulty?"

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—"I may answer that at once. The standard rate has been arrived at after taking averages, and as to what should be the fee in the matter of elementary education. Now, any school

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may raise the rate and may collect or mulct a fee from the boys of a particular locality. It may be that either other schools charge lower. That is a matter of competition. Or no facilities are probably available in that locality. If there is no other school near by to which the poor parents could send their boys or girls, those teacher managers raise the fees and may say that the fee would be four annas instead of two annas. It is not therefore a legitimate charge but is a fee that is wrung out of the poor parents who for want of proper facilities in that locality have no other option but to yield. In the city of Madras there are instances where there are two or three localities where the fees are low because there is competition and the fees are high for the opposite reason. In such cases, with regard to judging what the actual fee income is the fee that has been collected in the previous year has to be taken into account. Again, there are no financial statements available and there are no regular accounts kept without which we cannot decide the compensation permissible. Knowing that there is going to be a compulsory system of education to be introduced, the teacher managers may maintain some sort of accounts. Are we to be guided by those accounts? Then there is the further difficulty; are you going to accept the compensation simply because he has been charging the ratepayer of the locality much more than he would be legitimately entitled to? In that case, may I ask wherein lies the equity of the demand by any school which has been charging more than the standard rate? The standard rate fixed by the Government is being observed in the other institutions. There are 23 municipalities which have adopted compulsory system of education and in all those cases you have got the standard rates. Such being the case, why should the teacher managers in the limits of the Corporation claim a special privilege just because in certain localities you have not got necessary educational facilities? Are we to give them a reward for an inequitous act? Therefore in the matter of giving compensation, these are the practical difficulties which face us. The Corporation has submitted its budget with regard to the very matter and I quite sympathize with its difficulties that it has to pay more than what has been calculated already. But it should be realized that the difficulty of the Government is greater. In fact the very object of the policy would be lost by recognizing this system of compensation. The better system of education that is contemplated would be frustrated if you want to fritter away the resources available on purposes that are not essential. Therefore I regret very much that it is not possible according to the present principles and rules framed to extend the concession which the Corporation has asked for. I may point out that my hon. Friend has raised the question when the matter is still under the consideration of the Government and has not yet been decided on. I do not know what decision would be arrived at ultimately in the case of those who have been extorting or mulcting money by charging more than standard rates. The matter is still under consideration."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I presume the motion for reduction is not pressed."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I intend to press the motion, Sir. May I have an opportunity to reply, Sir ? "

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" If the hon. Member wishes to ask a question, he may do so. But it does not seem right to let him make a reply at this stage."

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* Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" I do not want to ask a question and I press the motion."

The motion for reduction was put to vote and declared lost. A poll was taken with the following result :—

Ayes

1. Rao Bahadur C. V. S Narasimha Raju.
2. Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.
3. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu.
4. Mr. J. A. Saldanha.
5. Mr. P. Siva Rao.
6. Mr. K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.
7. Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju.
8. Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar.
9. Mr. P. Anjaneyulu.
10. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo.
11. Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar.
12. Mr. C. Gopala Menon.
13. Mr. K. Koti Reddi.
14. Mr. P. Peddiraju.
15. Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao.
16. Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo.
17. Mr. B. P. Sesha Reddi.
18. Mr. M Sitayya.
19. Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
20. Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder.
21. Mr. B. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
22. Mr. C. V. Venkatramana Ayyangar.
23. Mr. B. Venkataratnam.
24. Mr. M. Moosa Sait Sahib.

Noes.

1. The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar.
2. ,, Mr. N. E Marjoribanks.
3. ,, Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.
4. ,, Mr. T. E. Moir.
5. ,, Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai.
6. ,, Rao Bahadur Sir A P. Patro.
7. ,, the Raja of Panagal.
8. Mr. T. R. Venkatrama Sastriyar.
9. Mr. G. T. Boag.
10. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken.
11. Mr. Abdulla Ghatala Sahib.
12. Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
13. Mr. T. C. Tangavelu Pillai.
14. Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
15. Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.
16. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
17. Mr. N. Devendrudu.
18. Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
19. Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez.
20. ,, K. Krishnaswami Nayudu.
21. The Zamindar of Kurupam.
22. Mr. R. Madanagopal Nayudu.
23. Mr. P. C. Muttu Chettiyar.
24. Mr. K. Prabhakaran Tampan.
25. Mr. G. Premayya.
26. Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi.
27. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar.
28. S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur.
29. Mr. P. T. Rajan.
30. Rao Bahadur P. Raman.
31. Mr. M. Ratnaswami.
32. Mr. J. D. Samuel.
33. Mr. K Sarabha Reddi.
34. Mr. K. Sarvarayudu.
35. Mr. K. Sitarama Reddi.
36. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan.
37. Mr. Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai.
38. Rao Sahib P. V. S. Sundaramurti.
39. Diwan Bahadur K. Suryanarayanamurti Nayudu.
40. Mr. E. Veerian.
41. Diwan Bahadur W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar.
42. Mr. K. Venkatachala Padayachi.
43. Mr. Abbas Ali Khan.
44. Mr. Ghouse Mian Sahib.
45. Mr. V. Hamid Sultan Marakkayar Sahib.
46. Mr. Abdul Sahib.
47. Mr. Qadir Muhi-ud-din Sahib.

24 hon. Members voting *for* and 47 voting *against*, the motion was lost.

The other motions having by leave been withdrawn, the Demand was then put to the House and carried and the Grant was made.

Grant XVII (ii).

3-15 p.m. * The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" Sir, I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 1,200 under " Education—Transferred " to meet the cost of the transfer of eight posts from the Subordinate Educational Service to the Madras Educational Service. The amount will be met from the surplus due to the remission of the provincial contribution to the Government of India.*'

" Sir, the necessity for this is to equalize the anomaly that now exists in the college assistants' cadre of the Subordinate Educational Service. The college

assistants who are in charge of the same subjects in one school or college are treated differently and paid a different scale from those in other schools or colleges. Chemistry and English language are some of the subjects taught by them. You will find from the list that assistants in the Presidency College receive a particular salary and for the same kind of work assistants in other colleges are paid less. I have brought this motion to remove this anomaly and in order that the assistants may be raised from the Subordinate Educational Service to the Madras Educational Service and placed on the same footing as others."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Is the amount to be utilized on behalf of teachers who are already in service or for new recruits ?"

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" In the course of making these appointments it may be necessary to bring in new recruits, but as far as the scheme is concerned, we want to equalize the inequalities that now exist in the various colleges under the same subjects in all colleges. In working it, new people may be brought in or the existing people may be promoted."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" I beg to move

'*that the allotment of Rs. 1,200 be reduced by Re 1.*'

" Mr. President, I only wanted to know whether in making these appointments, the hon. the Minister for Education is going to observe G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922. I want the Minister to understand the Government Order word by word and sentence by sentence (laughter). I do not want that he should commit the same mistake which he committed in the matter of the selection of sub-registrars. It is only for that, that I move my token motion."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The Government Order is always present in the minds of the officers in making the selection, and as far as possible, it will be kept in view and will be applied."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" It is because the Government Order is not in the minds of the officers that I am reminding the hon. Minister. The Government Order is more ignored than honoured. So, I request the hon. the Minister to see it is honoured."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" I want to ascertain from the hon. the Minister whether by asking for supplementary grants he is going to remove the real anomaly that exists in the scale of pay of officers of the subordinate service. The explanatory note which has been furnished to us makes it quite clear that for the purpose of removing these anomalies the Director of Public Instruction had sent proposals in 1920. Were those proposals comprehensive and really calculated to remove the anomalies to a substantial extent ? The proposals were that 26 posts comprised in the cadre of the Subordinate Educational Service or outside the regular cadre having regard to the responsibilities attached to the posts, etc., should be transferred to the Madras Educational Service. Those proposals, if given effect to, would have gone a certain extent in the way of removing the anomalies. I think, Sir, these proposals are not calculated to remove the real difficulty. A new department is coming into being. It is true that the Director of Public Instruction has now renewed his proposals limiting them to more important offices.

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" When the Director of Public Instruction sent up his proposals in 1920, a suitable opportunity presented itself then for considering the whole question. I do not know the reason why the whole has not been considered. Was it considered undesirable or unnecessary or for what reasons was it not taken up? There have been complaints as to the way in which the officers in the subordinate service have been treated. I think these proposals are not calculated to remove the difficulties and we must go further than this."

* Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" Sir, now we are on the question of Subordinate Educational Service, there is another anomaly which I am sure will claim the attention of the hon. Minister, the anomaly of treating the teachers of second-grade colleges and the deputy inspectors differently. The persons who are employed in the second-grade or first-grade colleges may be better qualified and possess superior qualifications compared with the deputy inspectors. There are several difficulties in the way. There are two bars introduced in the place of one that exists in the case of the deputy inspector and the supervising officers are thus given preference over the teachers. In consideration of these things, I hope now that the question is engaging the attention of the hon. the Minister he will do justice to the class of people who have long suffered from this differential treatment. That they are better qualified will be seen from the fact that they have higher degrees. Such being the case, I want them to be treated fairly."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I should indeed be glad to take up the whole scheme as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, but we have got our own limitations in the matter. When a scheme is prepared, the financial responsibility also has to be realized. When we sent up the whole scheme it could not be accepted by the Finance Department on account of the heavy increase it would involve in the matter of salaries and time-scale. Therefore we had to take the worst case first and then apply to the Finance Department for the money needed for other class of cases. Later on, when there are better facilities, I am sure we will take up the question as a whole"

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

Grant XX.

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" Mr. President, I beg to move

> '*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs 1,27,625 under " Agriculture—Transferred".*'

" This amount is made up of five items: (1) additional agricultural demonstrators—Rs. 7,600; (2) installation of ice-plant—Rs. 4,325; (3) acquisition of land for the paddy-breeding station in Kistna—Rs. 28,200; (4) opening of a paddy-breeding station in South Malabar—Rs. 81,000; (5) opening of an agricultural middle school near Kalahasti—Rs. 6,500. All the items are explained in the explanatory note and I shall refer here only to the salient features. ' Demonstrators ' is one of the chief items in the agricultural improvement of the province. Towards the end of last year, when the budget was prepared, the Director of Agriculture asked for the services

of 20 men. We were able to provide only 7 men. Now we want to provide for 11 additional men, and the Finance Committee have approved of the scheme. They have also approved of the scheme of installation of ice-plant. It may seem as though this is an unnecessary expenditure; but on closer study, we shall find that there is a saving of Rs. 170 to Rs. 200 a month in the purchase of ice for the dairy. So, it is only a readjustment of the items, and the amount that I ask for is Rs. 3,650 for initial expenses and Rs 675 for working expenses. The third item is the acquisition of land for the paddy-breeding station."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is not stated in the explanatory note that this item has gone before the Finance Committee, like the other items."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"It is because the Finance Committee met a little later. As a matter of fact I may assure the hon. Member that the Finance Committee's approval was obtained for all these items.

"The third item is for compensation to be paid for the acquisition of some lands for a paddy-breeding station in Kistna. Originally, it was thought that Rs. 1,500 per acre would suffice. But it was found that compensation has to be paid to the amount of Rs. 2,000. If the whole amount was not utilized for this item, the balance would be devoted to other items of urgent and inevitable expenditure.

"The fourth item is that of the opening of a paddy-breeding farm in South Malabar. It will be within the knowledge of this
3-30 p.m House that we have been fighting for this subject tooth and nail for years past. It is only now that we have been able to provide this sum for the purpose. The scheme would require Rs. 1,17,000 for initial charges and Rs. 20,000 for recurring charges. But, for the current year we would require only Rs 79,500 for acquisition of land and Rs. 1,500 for upper subordinates. So that the total required is Rs. 81,000. This has also gone before the Finance Committee and has been passed by it.

"The last item is the opening of an agricultural middle school near Kalahasti. At present we have got two agricultural schools, one at Taliparamba in Malabar and another at Anakapalle in Vizagapatam. Now it is proposed to open two more schools. So far as the western portion of the central districts is concerned, the hon. the Raja of Panagal has offered to find a site free of cost and also to provide funds for the school building, and office and museum at an expenditure of Rs. 6,000 or so. What we now require is a sum of Rs. 6,500 for the farm buildings and I request that that amount also may be allotted to me."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"Sir, I move that the amount asked for be reduced by Rs. 100. I have given notice of this motion only for the purpose of discussing the necessity for opening an agricultural farm in Anantapur. As the House knows very well, the Ceded districts are backward in the matter of education and in the matter of agricultural facilities. No doubt some attempts are being made to improve the irrigation facilities there. That by itself will not suffice. An agricultural farm should be started in Anantapur to bring home to the agriculturists the need for going in for the transplantation system which would economize water. The

people in my district are very slow to take to new methods of cultivation and if only a paddy farm is opened there the cultivators would be very much helped."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Regarding the experimental farm that is going to be established in Malabar, I have to say a few words. If it is to be of use to the agricultural classes, it will take some years There are different stages through which this breeding has to pass. It will take one or two years for what is called the stalk selection, the seed selection and so on We can reap the benefits of these experiments only after six or seven years What I suggest therefore is that this farm should be both an experimental and a breeding farm. Malabar is a country which produces different kinds of manure. There is the organic manure and there are several scientific manures to be tried in Malabar and there are different kinds of paddy imported from different parts of India to be tried there. These will give immediate results. We can supply fresh seeds; we can instruct the agriculturists in different methods of scientific and leaf manure and in the different methods of cultivation by which they would be able to reap the fruits in a short time, instead of the methods adopted in the agricultural farms at present."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Sir, I am rather unwilling on an occasion like this to move a reduction of the grant, but I have to do so to ascertain from the hon. the Minister whether he is in a position to lay before us the policy adopted in the matter of these agricultural schools. I am glad to take this opportunity of thanking the hon. the Raja of Panagal for having made the offer of the lands and the buildings required for opening an agricultural school and the Government for having come forward with an undertaking to build a school at Kalahasti. But may I point out that in making proposals of this sort it will be quite proper for the Government to review the various proposals made from time to time with regard to these schools? I remember it was in the year 1916 that various requests were made for the purpose of opening agricultural schools in other parts of the Presidency. I would particularly mention the instance of Nellore which is a paddy-breeding district. Even the origin of the word 'Nellore' has its origin in the production of paddy. When proposals were made, I believe at the time when the hon. Sir Alexander Cardew was Member in charge of the subject, for the opening of some ten schools, we were hopeful that within a year a school would be started in Nellore. Meanwhile there were changes in the machinery of the administration and the idea of having middle schools there was lost sight of.

"In addition to it, Sir, may I point out that when the question of the Chintaladevi cattle farm came up before us it was expressly pointed out that a paddy-breeding farm was very necessary for Nellore? There was a costly building constructed for the cattle farm at a cost of Rs. 2,00,000 and now, as a matter of fact, I know that several portions of the building are empty and there are not enough cattle to breed. The lands around that building are not in use whatever the expert officers of the department might say. I brought this fact to the notice of the hon. the Minister and requested him to consider the desirability of opening an agricultural middle school there if no use is to be made of those costly buildings and if the lands around them are not required for the purpose of the cattle-breeding farm. But I find that no action has yet been taken in that direction, and the hon. the Minister has not moved in the matter at all. I take this opportunity of

asking the hon. the Minister whether he proposes to establish agricultural schools in different parts of the province, whether he is going to think of only those districts which are already known to be paddy-breeding districts and whether he is not going to establish schools where there are none and where it would be very useful to extend this sort of agricultural education. I wish to have a clear indication of his policy in regard to this matter before I give my vote for this grant. I brought the necessity for a paddy-breeding farm at Nellore to the notice of the hon. the Minister last time when a similar grant was moved, but nothing has been done."

Mr K. KOTI REDDI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am very glad that the Development Department is making some attempt to open vernacular middle schools for agriculture. But I must say that I really fail to see how an agricultural school at Kalahasti is going to benefit the people of the Ceded districts. If it is the intention of the hon. the Minister to open a vernacular school for agriculture in each district, then I have nothing to say, but if he intends this school to serve the purpose of half the Telugu districts, I really fail to see how a more central place could not be found for the same. Unless, therefore, he gives me an assurance that he is going to open schools in each and every district I am afraid I shall have to oppose the grant he has moved."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" So far as the opening of a paddy station in South Malabar is concerned, I have to reply only to Mr. K. Uppi Sahib. As the House would be aware, on the last occasion when we discussed the subject it was not only Malabar and South Kanara that were brought in, but Cuddapah also was brought in by my hon. Friend, Mr. Koti Reddi. Then, after considering the matter over with reference to the old records and the correspondence, we found that it was more necessary to start one in Malabar than in any other place, although if we had money enough we would have opened similar paddy-breeding stations all over the Presidency, one for each district. But as our finances are limited and were limited at the time of the last preparation of the budget we were not able to provide any funds for the paddy-breeding station in South Malabar.

3-45 p.m. " It is only as a result of the exertions of our hon. Friend, Mr. Moir, that we have got to our credit Rs. 126 lakhs of which the Agricultural section of the Transferred departments has got four lakhs of rupees. It is from this four lakhs that we are going to find money for the paddy-breeding stations. If we had funds enough we would certainly take up Anantapur and for the matter of that various other claims for which money is needed badly. As regards agricultural schools our policy, as everybody knows, is to start a school wherever there is a need for it, i e, where the people are anxious to get one opened. The anxiety is exhibited by philanthropic efforts made by gentlemen, who like the hon. the Raja of Panagal voluntarily come forward saying that they are prepared to find a large plot of land valued at a very high figure, and not only that but also find the necessary funds for the construction of the school building and the annexed farm, etc. We have only to pay Rs. 30,000. As regards the locality, Kalahasti is situated on the borders of Nellore, in the centre of the western Telugu districts, having Chittoor on one side, Kurnool on the other and Nellore on a third. So if only we had funds it would be within the region of possibility to open one agricultural school for each district. As regards the policy, we are going to discuss it this evening after the Council is over; because the policy that we have been pursuing till now is attempted to

be rebutted by certain people. And it is necessary that I should reinforce myself with the advanced opinions of the hon. Members of the Legislative Council who form the Advisory Committee on agriculture. Our attention was drawn to the fact that Nellore is the land of paddy and that it has derived its name from the same crop. I may say that Tinnevelly also is the land of paddy; not only does it grow paddy but paddy forms the fence of the land. It is very fertile and needs an agricultural school as much as Nellore itself."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" I am not objecting to Tinnevelly having a farm for itself. What I said was that ten years have elapsed since the promise, or rather an assurance, was given regarding Nellore and nothing has been done till now "

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Yes, we know the correspondence; we are painfully aware of it; but we have not yet been able to find the funds necessary to start the school. A start has been made. We believe that this remission of 126 lakhs will not only be repeated next year and in the years to come but that it will be freely augmented in later years so that in the course of two or three years this incubus will be wiped off and we may be in a position to advance further and further in the line of agricultural progress. I request that this allotment of Rs. 1,27,625 under 'Agriculture—Transferred' may be granted."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member, Mr. Rameswara Rao, press his motion?"

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" When will these districts be taken into consideration by the Government?"

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It is a question the answer to which must depend on a set of circumstances over none of which I have any control."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" May I know how the Government are going to utilize the 4 lakhs allotted to Agriculture?"

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" To-morrow the hon. Member will be able to know how we are going to utilize this 4 lakhs. This is only the first item for which I have provided Rs. 1,27,625. I have got supplementary demands for grants to cover the remaining amount."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" I hope Anantapur will come in for consideration."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Certainly."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is not pressing his motion. I now put the question to the House "

The Demand was put to the House and carried and the Grant was made.

Grant XXI.

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Sir, I beg to move

'that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 8,935 under " Civil Veterinary Services—Transferred ".'

assistants who are in charge of the same subjects in one school or college are treated differently and paid a different scale from those in other schools or colleges. Chemistry and English language are some of the subjects taught by them. You will find from the list that assistants in the Presidency College receive a particular salary and for the same kind of work assistants in other colleges are paid less. I have brought this motion to remove this anomaly and in order that the assistants may be raised from the Subordinate Educational Service to the Madras Educational Service and placed on the same footing as others.''

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Is the amount to be utilized on behalf of teachers who are already in service or for new recruits ?"

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" In the course of making these appointments it may be necessary to bring in new recruits, but as far as the scheme is concerned, we want to equalize the inequalities that now exist in the various colleges under the same subjects in all colleges. In working it, new people may be brought in or the existing people may be promoted."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" I beg to move

'that the allotment of Rs. 1,200 be reduced by Re 1.'

" Mr. President, I only wanted to know whether in making these appointments, the hon. the Minister for Education is going to observe G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922. I want the Minister to understand the Government Order word by word and sentence by sentence (laughter). I do not want that he should commit the same mistake which he committed in the matter of the selection of sub-registrars. It is only for that, that I move my token motion."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The Government Order is always present in the minds of the officers in making the selection, and as far as possible, it will be kept in view and will be applied."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" It is because the Government Order is not in the minds of the officers that I am reminding the hon. Minister. The Government Order is more ignored than honoured. So, I request the hon. the Minister to see it is honoured."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" I want to ascertain from the hon. the Minister whether by asking for supplementary grants he is going to remove the real anomaly that exists in the scale of pay of officers of the subordinate service. The explanatory note which has been furnished to us makes it quite clear that for the purpose of removing these anomalies the Director of Public Instruction had sent proposals in 1920. Were those proposals comprehensive and really calculated to remove the anomalies to a substantial extent? The proposals were that 26 posts comprised in the cadre of the Subordinate Educational Service or outside the regular cadre having regard to the responsibilities attached to the posts, etc., should be transferred to the Madras Educational Service. Those proposals, if given effect to, would have gone a certain extent in the way of removing the anomalies. I think, Sir, these proposals are not calculated to remove the real difficulty. A new department is coming into being. It is true that the Director of Public Instruction has now renewed his proposals limiting them to more important offices.

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registrars of co-operative societies. I appeal to the hon. Minister to bear in mind the special claims of the Ceded districts when the Board send up the list of selected candidates to Government. The Ceded districts have been ignored consistently and continuously in the matter of appointments of officers in the Co-operative department. In co-operative matters it is only the people of the district who know the language of the people of the district and who know the local conditions that can be of real service to the people. They must be appointed as assistant registrars for those districts. I suggest therefore that Government will bear in mind the claims of the people of the Ceded districts in filling up the posts of assistant registrars."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"Sir, my hon. Friend, Mr Rameswara Rao, referred to the Staff Selection Board. It was to that Board that we referred the question of recommending sixteen or twenty persons to fill up eight vacancies. I understand that 600 applications were received, sixty were sent for and twenty were selected. The list came up to Government and of the twenty I do not find any candidate from the Ceded districts. Therefore it is out of the question to discuss the matter, as we have not got materials enough to go into the question. But if the hon. Member wishes that promotion should be given to Ceded districts men already in service I shall bear that in mind."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"As regards promotion, I am at one with the hon. Minister that the claims of the Ceded districts must not be ignored as in other cases. But even in recruitment may I suggest to the hon. Minister that he might refer the matter back to the Staff Selection Board with regard to the question raised here before coming to a final decision in making the appointments."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"Referring the matter back to the Board will be going against the cardinal principle. It would be casting an unmerited reflection on the Board. We must take the matter as it is; and if we are not satisfied with it we must devise other ways and means. At present our hands are tied. There are twenty candidates selected by the Board and among them I do not find any candidate from the Ceded districts and therefore I am not able to afford the necessary help. As regards promotion, as the hon. Member himself said, I shall carefully remember the point when the occasion comes."

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER:—"May I know whether there are any Coimbatore men in the list of twenty?" (Laughter.)

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Why not publish the list?"

* The hon. Diwan Bahdur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"I have passed the necessary orders and it is going to press and in a day or two everything will be known."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask how this Rs 2,340 is going to be utilized by the Labour department? What are the conditions?"

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"Twenty inspectors were asked for for work in the Labour department but provision was made only for ten in the budget for 1925-26. Provision is now proposed for seven inspectors to cope with the expansion of work in the districts in which the Labour department is already working. Hence the additional allotment of Rs. 2,340."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" So it is for additional inspectors ? "

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Yes, for additional inspectors in that area."

The motion having been by leave withdrawn, the Demand was put to the House and carried and the Grant was made.

Grant XXIII.

4 p.m. * The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 20,000 under " Cinchona—Reserved ".*'

" From the note that has been supplied to hon. Members it will be found that Rs 40,000 for 'Blocks in development' was omitted by an oversight from the budget provision ; and then it was put before the Council as a supplementary grant in March but the Council postponed it. We found afterwards that we could not get on without giving some money to the department. These 'Blocks in development' contain young cinchona trees ; if we did not spend money, they would have been ruined. Under these circumstances His Excellency the Governor has authorized an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 as an urgent measure. Till the end of August I wish to say that the Cinchona Department is a paying department. In 1922 we earned 3 lakhs of rupees. There is nothing unusual about this demand. Every year we used to budget for it but this year by an oversight it was omitted. I therefore request the Council to vote for Rs. 20,000."

* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I am sorry I have to oppose this motion. I am sorry because this is the maiden motion of the hon. the Home Member. But I have to oppose it and I hope that my hon. Friends on both sides will support me not because we are dealing with this question on merits but because we want to show our resentment at the way in which the Secretary of State made a speech in the House of Lords and at the fact that His Excellency the Governor has disallowed the adjournment motion on that subject. We have waited till now because the hon. Members on the Executive Side are supposed to be primarily responsible to the Government of India and to the Secretary of State ; and therefore it is, that we have chosen this first motion for grant on the Reserved Side to be attacked to show our resentment, as I said, at the very unsatisfactory way in which the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State has dealt with India and the Reform question in his recent speech and because we have been completely deprived of the only possible opportunity of discussing the question and showing our attitude. I, therefore, Sir, appeal to hon. Members on all sides of the House to express the resentment we all feel and the whole country feels at the way in which the Secretary of State has dealt with us. I would certainly appeal to the hon. Member, Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, who has come recently from England to tell us how Indians in England feel as regards the speech. There need be absolutely no fear that we are doing any harm to the cinchona plantations. The very reason why we did not touch the Transferred subjects grant but we selected the first Reserved Side motion is because it is sure to be certified by His Excellency the Governor. His Excellency the Governor has already, in virtue of one of his extraordinary powers, sanctioned a portion of the expenditure in anticipation of the sanction of the Legislative Council.

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Therefore even if we do not sanction it, it does not matter at all. His Excellency the Governor would certify this provision. Therefore as this is the first motion on which we can possibly express our opinion as regards the Secretary of State's conduct and His Excellency the Governor's attitude in disallowing the proposition that we wanted to move, as the first opportunity of showing our resentment, I certainly oppose this motion not because, as I said, of anything personal against the hon. the Home Member or upon the merits of the case but solely and entirely to show our resentment at the speech of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I wish to reaffirm the feelings of my hon. Friend from Coimbatore. I heard some laughter on the other side when the hon. Member spoke."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" On your side also."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I must say it is not a matter for laughter at all. Our position in the country as Indian Nationalists has become almost ridiculous after the Secretary of State's famous speech. The position is this. The hon. Members of this House have recognized that the Legislative Council . . ."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :— " On a point of order, Sir. May I ask whether the remarks put forward by the hon. Members are relevant to the question under discussion ? I can understand hon. Members opposing this grant but I do not see the relevancy of the remarks on the Secretary of State's speech."

* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" The hon. Member used the plural ; I am deprived of the opportunity of answering that. He was sitting quiet while I was speaking and now he used the plural."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" I was hoping against hope that the hon. Member would correct himself."

* Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" That may be in a school or college."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I think we may rightly call the Legislative Council nothing but a glorified debating society to which it has been reduced under the scope of the Reforms Act. The Act has been so interpreted and the rules so turned that it is reduced to such a stage. Considering the position to which we have been reduced we looked forward for something more tangible in the speech of the Secretary of State, for some advance in the progressive reforms for which, we aspire. Now considering that there has been so much disappointment, we expected that some debate would have been allowed to-day in connexion with the Secretary of State's speech but under some rule or other the adjournment motion put forward has been disallowed. So we decided deliberately after full discussion at a meeting held of our party, to oppose the first motion that came from the reserved half and it has come. So far as the Cinchona Department is concerned it is a very mysterious department. The Cinchona Department issues through the post office pice packets of an inferior sort of stock of quinine. The price has now increased to 9 pies. I have asked questions more than once as to how this pice packet has become 9 pies packet. We do not know the reason why. The high price at which it is sold deserves our consideration. I am not going to dwell on that point but I only wish to draw the attention of the

House to the serious defects in this Cinchona Department. In connexion with the new scheme of hospitals and dispensaries for the poor, I wonder what the Government is going to do in order to reduce the high price at which quinine is sold at present. From the answer to a question put by Dr. Rama Rao it was found out that a pound of quinine costs about Rs. 27-8-0 whereas one pound of Howard's quinine is sold at about Rs. 28. We know very well that Howard's quinine is far superior to the quinine sold at post offices. I wonder why it should be sold at such a high price to the poor people. There are so many defects in connexion with the sale of this quinine that it would take a long time to dwell upon them, and they have to be reformed. There will be another occasion for it and I hope the Government will carefully enquire into all these defects and remedy them in the interests of the poor classes. For these reasons I join my hon. Friend in opposing this motion."

* The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"I do not propose to say a word about the speech of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State. But in regard to the action taken by His Excellency the Governor I think it is necessary to point out to the hon. House that what is not primarily a concern of the Local Government is a matter with regard to which he has jurisdiction of disallowance and he has disallowed the motion mainly on that ground. I may mention, moreover, that this disallowance follows on the disallowance made by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and that a debate on this very question is expected in the Legislative Assembly, which is a more natural and proper forum, not many days from now."

* Mr. J A. Saldanha :—"May I know if it is not our concern that diarchy should be abolished for which the whole House has voted? That is our primary concern."

* The hon. the President :—"It is the province of His Excellency the Governor to decide what is and what is not the primary concern of the Local Government. He has disallowed the motion because it is not the primary concern of the Local Government. He is authorized to do so."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—"We are not questioning the decision of His Excellency the Governor. May I point out that the motion put forward by my hon. Friend had some reference to the state of things in Madras? Surely, Madras can be allowed to express its opinion on its own affairs."

* Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"But I never questioned the correctness of the decision. If His Excellency the Governor has power to veto the motion under the rules and standing orders we have a right to express our dissatisfaction that we have been deprived of the opportunity of expressing our opinion. Hon. Members will remember that a small speech was made by Mr. Tanikachalam Chettiyar on one occasion when His Excellency the then Governor disallowed the adjournment motion regarding the Puliantope affair. I had that precedent in view and therefore I think I was in order in spite of the Principal of the Pachaiyappa's College raising a point of order."

Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—"I had no idea that I would feel myself called upon to take part in to-day's debate. My name has been dragged in by my hon. Friend from Coimbatore. I feel I would not be justified if I did not say a word or two on this proposition. I am not going to discuss the merits or the basis or the

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legality of His Excellency's decision over the adjournment motion this morning. Nor do I think with all respect to my hon. Friend from Coimbatore that this is the proper occasion when we are to speak about the Secretary of State's speech or the effect of his speech. As regards my own opinion on the point, I do not think even my hon. Friend from Coimbatore or anybody else would have any two opinions on that matter. To whatever party a man may belong, to whatever school of politics he may adhere, there can be no question of his profound dissatisfaction at the speech of the Secretary of State. My hon. Friend has told us that I have just returned from England. Let me tell him and others who are of his way of thinking and also my party that the Secretary of State, after all, is the exponent of the views and sentiments which prevail in the whole of England. I have ceased to look upon the speech of the Secretary of State as merely a speech of the authority who has perfect power over India and I look upon it as symptomatic of the attitude of the whole English public on Indian questions. I say this because I want my friends on both sides of this House as also every school of politics in India to realize the gravity of the situation in India. I want them to understand that the Secretary of State has not made a statement merely because he has a conservative mind. On the other hand anybody who knows, Lord Birkenhead knows perfectly well, that if there is one thing that the Secretary of State is not, he is not a conservative. He is not a conservative in the technical sense of that word at all. I want this House and others to realize that Lord Birkenhead's statement is merely a reflex indication of the feelings and sentiments of those that govern; I mean the governing class in England. What I have to state to-day is this. I am not at liberty to elaborate on that point. This is not the occasion. The point of it is this: if you realize the gravity of the situation, my friends will realize how ridiculous it will be for the suggestion to be adopted that this small supplementary grant should be thrown out. We have to realize that our responsibilities are greater. I know the feeling which my hon. Friend has on this matter. I know what my Friends referred to with reference to a similar matter, viz., the adjournment motion of my hon. Friend Mr. Tanikachalam Chettiyar. I have a faint recollection about it and I know that Mr. Tanikachalam Chettiyar wanted to follow the same method which my hon. Friend is now pursuing and when his (Mr. Tanikachalam Chettiyar's) adjournment motion on the Puliantope disturbances was ruled out of order he very much resented it. In any case I want my hon. Friend to do justice to himself and to the country by realizing that the point raised by my hon. Friend Mr Tanikachalam Chettiyar was infinitesimal when compared to the point which my hon. Friend from Coimbatore has just now raised. I want him to realize that this is a grave problem arresting the attention of all politicians and it is not going to be met by an attitude such as the one which he has advised us to take. I speak this with the fullest sympathy, with the fullest comprehension of the ideas and motives that underlie his speech. I therefore ask him not to press this proposition on this ground and on this motion because we will be stultifying ourselves and we will not really be echoing that sentiment and that amount of feeling which animates all politicians of this country with reference to this question. My hon. Friend need not despair that the opportunity of expressing his resentment has been lost for ever. There are other ways by which this question can be raised in this Legislative Council in spite of what my hon. Friend Mr. Saldanha has said. I have opposed the system of diarchy; why the very

Ministers who are working it have said that it should be scrapped and that it cannot function. I know that he can think of a much more effective and much more organized step than this, than by showing his resentment at the attitude adopted by the authorities in England by attempting to vote down a small grant. What steps we are to take, what our attitude will be, what depth of feeling we have in the matter, are all matters which are to come up for discussion in days to come, perhaps in the near future, probably at a conference of the leaders of all parties in this country and I do hope that that conference will decide upon the course of action to be taken. I do appeal therefore to my hon. Friend and make this as the last appeal not on behalf of Government, not certainly on behalf of the reserved half but on behalf of ourselves, responsible politicians as we are; I do appeal to him not to press this proposition to a division and personally I would not be justified in supporting the proposition because I would not be doing full justice to the gravity of the problem."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I fully endorse the views expressed by my hon. friend Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, though perhaps I shall not fall in with his conclusion. It is true that we are fighting against a small and bitter pill, viz., a small demand which we are asked to vote upon, while we are being served with larger and more effective pills from 6,000 miles away. I am glad to notice that my hon. Friend Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar gives us the assurance—I know how true and how appealing it is—that all shades of politicians, to whatever rank or community they may belong, depressed or oppressed, high or low, women or men, are all united in their minds at least to-day when expression is denied to our most poignant feeling with regard to the speech of the Secretary of State and it becomes more so when we are assured that the Secretary of State is only the exponent of the governing class in England."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is open to hon. Members to oppose the motion for any reasons stated or not stated but I do not think I can allow a debate on a point which has been disallowed by His Excellency the Governor. It is open to hon. Members to state their reasons for opposing this motion, but a debate on the Secretary of State's speech is a thing I cannot allow."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" I obey your ruling, Sir. Anyhow coming to the point, I may say that if we are opposing the measure and do not vote for this grant it is because we feel that we are at our wits end on account of certain events which have happened recently in England and also because we feel that, however ill-advised it may be, and however ineffective it may be, this is the only way of expressing our dissatisfaction. It is not because we are unwilling to vote for this grant that we are opposing this motion, but because our minds are not composed but are disturbed and hence it is that we urge that we cannot allow this motion."

* The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have not much to say because in the course of this debate some political issues have been raised with which I have nothing to do. With regard to the merits of the question, my hon. Friend Mr. Saldanha has raised the question of the price of cinchona. It is now going down and I shall also look further into this question and do the needful. My hon. Friend Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar referred to the adjournment motion of Mr. Tanikachalam Chettiyar on Puliantope disturbances. I may tell him that the House after

discussing that adjournment motion, eventually passed the demand moved at that time. I therefore appeal to the House to do the same thing now and pass my demand."

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

Grant XXIV (i).

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 1,300 *under Industries (Major Head 22-E-C—General Administration—District Administration—Other Establishment—Establishments for stamping weights and measures)—for payment of a bonus to the stamping establishments.*'

"Sir, last year the question of giving bonus to the members of the establishment was raised and then it was decided that in order to induce them to work better it was necessary to give them a small bonus of 25 per cent of the profits annually as an incentive to good work. The estimated expenditure during the current year is Rs. 1,300 but before we could provide for the same in the current year's budget the time for the preparation of budget elapsed and therefore it has come before you now and the Finance Committee has also recommended the same."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"It seems to me that the policy underlying this demand is very questionable. My hon. Friend the Minister for Development has told us that those who are engaged in this work should be given this bonus as a sort of inducement to good work. I suppose these clerks are paid their salaries, and they get their promotion. If paid servants are to be given bonus for doing their work properly, and if we accept this particular motion, in course of time we may land ourselves in a very dangerous position. I would not have opposed this small grant but for the fact that I want to bring to the notice of the hon. the Minister for Development and also to the notice of this House that the policy underlying this demand is very inadvisable."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"I would point out that as a sort of stimulus these clerks should be given some bonus. For we know that people who own bazaars and shops may use improper weights and measures in their dealings with the public. It was the unanimous opinion of the Collectors last year that unless some sort of incentive was given to these clerks they would merely do that portion of work which was legitimately allotted to them and would not bring before the authorities cases of all improper weights and measures. To serve as a sort of incentive to good work being done by the establishment the Collectors recommended this step. This amount of Rs. 1,300 is to be doled out among 15 or 16 individuals and the amount which each individual would get may not after all be an appreciable figure."

At this stage Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai (Deputy President) took the chair.

The demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

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Grant XXIV (ii).

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—

4-30 p.m. " Sir, I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 1,63,640 *under " Industries—Transferred ".*'

" The total is made up of four items. The first represents grants-in-aid that have to be paid to industrial schools which come to Rs. 49,900 while the Trades School gets Rs. 8,500 and Sericulture Rs. 240. Additional machinery for the department of Industries consumes Rs. 1,05,000.

" Taking the first item, it will be known to all hon. Members here that in the matter of encouragement of industrial schools however much our desire may be to promote them we have not been actually helping them to the extent that we need. In the budget for the current year we provided for Rs. 69,000 under maintenance grant, Rs. 15,000 under equipment grant and Rs. 25,000 under building grant. The grants under the last two items came to only 25 per cent of the amount needed for this purpose. With the money that is now come to us it is proposed to give another sum of Rs. 13,000 for maintenance and Rs. 36,900 for buildings and nothing for equipment because even if we give any amount, the authorities are unable to spend it.

" As regards the Trades School, it is a matter of common knowledge that the printing trade has not been taken notice of by the Industrial department for a longtime in the past. The Government Press itself employs about 2,000 hands, the European agency employs about 1,000 and the Indian between 2,000 and 3,000 while the newspaper agency employs another 1,000. So, for the benefit of the young men with low educational qualifications who are not able to compete, it is intended to open training classes in printing attached to the Trades School so that the future employers will be in a position to offer better terms for these young men.

" The third item is about sericulture. We have three Italian silk filatures. One of them is being attended to by a demonstrator in the Government Technical Institute and for working the other two we want a demonstrator on Rs. 40. A sum of Rs. 240 is provided for as pay for six months.

" I come now to the last item. After the budget estimate for 1925-26 was framed we got intimation from the High Commissioner that an additional provision of £8,000 would be necessary for the power drills and other machinery indented for in 1924-25. On account of exchange and customs duty, the amount comes up to Rs. 1,22,667 of which we are able to find about Rs. 17,667 by reappropriation and the amount that we now require is a lakh and five thousands.

" I request the House will be pleased to pass the grant."

* Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Sir, my motion is—

'*To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 1,63,640 *by Rs.* 100.'

" I am glad that there is some attempt made to solve the problem of unemployment. In this connexion I suggest the question of improvement of paper industry. It is very recently that I had occasion to write to the hon. Minister for Development about the improvement of the paper

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industry. In fact, I sent him some specimen sheets of paper that were actually being manufactured on a small scale as cottage industry. He was pleased to tell me that there was no machinery at his disposal either by way of an expert or by way of any other technical agency to give him the necessary advice as to how to improve the industry ; and therefore he was not able to do anything in the direction. The hon. the Deputy President also knows that paper industry as a cottage industry is being carried on in some parts of the Dharmavaram taluk and the people in those parts have applied now and then for proper guidance in the industry so that it may thrive better. When we approach the Government they say that there is no machinery to assist us. It is therefore that I suggest by this motion that the Government may devise some measures to improve the industry for which material is available locally and abundantly. Here is a suggestion for necessary action and I move my motion."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" I remember the correspondence and the discussion that I had with my hon. Friend, Mr. Rameswara Rao, and I also told him that I would take the earliest opportunity of going to that place and finding out the possibilities of the development of this cottage industry. I am sorry I have not been able to do so. In addition to this district there are so many other districts which I have not seen and from every one of which I am getting calls. I have arranged just now for a tour in the Bellary district at the beginning of the next month and I will take the opportunity to spend a day or two in connection with this matter. So far as the general question of the paper industry is concerned, hon. Members will be glad to learn that this Government have sanctioned a loan of 4 lakhs of rupees to the Carnatic Paper Mills. The House will, I believe, be satisfied to hear from me that if I find the industry can be developed as a cottage industry, I shall be the first to undertake its execution. "

* Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" May I request the hon. Minister to start correspondence with the Imperial expert on the lines suggested by me ? "

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" The request will be noted."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

* Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" I beg to move

' that the allotment of Rs. 1,63,640 *be reduced by Rs.* 10. '

" Mr. Deputy President, Sir, I have nothing to say about the details of the grant which have been furnished by the hon. the Minister. All that I wish to bring to the notice of the Government and this House is the necessity of reorganizing the department of the Industries on the lines suggested by the Industrial Commission, especially by the separate note appended to the report by Pandit Madan Mohan Malavaiyya. It is a pity, Sir, that during the budget discussion we do not get time or opportunity to discuss this question. This Council has been agitating and agitating for the last four or five years this question and now we have only to reiterate the arguments urged. The Development Department was itself created as an outcome of the Industrial Commission's report published in 1918 after an elaborate enquiry. It was then left in charge of a Minister with proposals to have a Director for all the Industries assisted by Deputy Directors. Unfortunately, Sir, we find in

the department too many directors, one for Industries, another for Agriculture and a third one for Fisheries. To add to this instead of the directors being non-officials or men with technical knowledge as has been advocated in paragraph 311 of the Industrial Commission Report, we now find Government officials, especially I.C.S. officers, whenever they do not have any other work available for them elsewhere. That has been the complaint and that I believe is the complaint even to-day. Both the Majority Report and the Minority Note appended to the Report have made it abundantly clear that there should be one post of a Director of Industries and that place should be filled by some expert who has some industrial experience, some business knowledge so as to be in a position to give expert advice to the Minister who is solely entrusted with the development of the province in his charge. None of these has been realized in practice. Again, Sir, four years have passed and yet no Indian has been appointed as Director. Now that the Bombay Government have taken the bold step of appointing an Indian Industrialist, I think that should serve as a useful guide for the Madras Government and it is with that hope that I move this motion."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I beg to support the motion. The Industrial department is one which shows very little development and growth. We have got a large number of officials as Directors and Assistant Directors, but the department shows very few signs of growth in any direction. By the way I may say that the only industry which shows a good expansion is the liquor manufacture. (Laughter.) And that liquor is a bad stuff. I really wonder in what other way has there been a development in the industries of the province. Industrial schools as such we have hardly any in this Presidency except the elementary schools. If you study the progress of industries in an Asiatic country like Japan, you find that in almost every district, town or even in every headquarters corresponding to our taluk centres, there are well equipped industrial schools as well as agricultural schools.

"But here for the whole Presidency I think we have got only one industrial or trades school which corresponds to a district school in Japan or a village school in Germany. The report of the committee appointed to recommend steps for the growth of industrial education shows that the committee made some suggestions, but they are suggestions of a kind which would show that this Presidency is in a very infant state in regard to industrial progress. If we want to educate our boys we have to send them to the Victoria Technical Institute at Bombay. That institution can only be compared to an elementary school in Germany, if I am quite correct in my estimate of the kind of industrial schools they have got in Germany. So, the only big industrial institution in India is the Victoria Technical Institute which corresponds to what may be called a small district school in Germany (A voice: 'That idea is wrong'). I know that institution well and I have seen it many times in Bombay and I am of opinion that it is in a very elementary condition. There has been some progress already in this Presidency in the matter of agricultural schools."

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The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I am afraid it is rather not relevant to the motion before the House. The motion wants an Indian Director, but you are going on speaking about schools of different kinds."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Sir, may I explain? We are asked to give sanction for a certain amount under 'Industries'."

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The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" You are supporting the amendment moved by Mr. Das, and that is 'that the allotment be reduced by Rs. 10, to press the necessity of reorganizing the Department of Industries under one Director with technical qualifications and preferably an Indian.' That is the question before the House."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I have dealt sufficiently I think with my point in regard to which people in this Presidency feel much. They feel that there has been very little development and that very little has been done for the growth of industries in this Presidency by the Government. We have to improve in every direction. In fact we want industrial development in every direction. I would appeal to the hon. the Minister for Excise to see that the Government brew good liquor also."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" In regard to this matter of filling up the Director's place, I should say that an occasion will shortly arise when the whole question will have to be taken up for consideration, and I promise the hon. Member that his representation on this subject will be borne in mind on the occasion when the appointment has to be made."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The Demand was then put and carried and the Grant was made.

Grant XXV.

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

> '*that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 44,300 *under " Fisheries—Transferred."*'

" This again is made up of two items, that is, an additional allotment for the pearl fishery in February-March 1926 for Rs. 10,200, and an allotment for the purchase of a trawler for conducting deep-sea fishing experiments, of Rs. 34,100. We know that in the month of February 1926 there will be a big pearl fishery which will be going on at the port of Tuticorin. Previously we estimated that certain items would cost a certain amount, but now we see that on that occasion (February 1926) when the Ceylon pearl fishery will be in operation, it will be very difficult to find coolies on the wages we had already allotted, and it has also become necessary to provide for an additional superintendent and a medical officer and also some schooners and cutters. The number of coolies that will be taken up will be from 300 to 500, and for that purpose the Director of Fisheries estimates that Rs. 10,200 will be required. I may point out to hon. Members that with the money that has already been allotted and with this money now asked for we would only be within our profit account. The whole expenditure is estimated at about Rs. 37,000, but it is also estimated that the profits will be about Rs. 50,000.

" As regards the purchase of a trawler, we had a sea-going launch purchased in 1923 for the very same purpose, and we brought out a master fisherman for that purpose, but it was subsequently found that that launch was not good for the purpose for which it was intended, and now we think of going in for a second-hand trawler. With that trawler when received we will be able to do deep-sea fishing, and we will also be able to solve one of

the problems that are now engaging the serious attention of the Government, that is, what becomes of the shoals of mackerel and sardines that periodically visit the Malabar coast and where they are going when they are not found on this coast, and if we are able to find their habitation we will be able to take our deep-sea fishing nets with the trawler and be able to fish them in large proportions. They will yield us a large item of profit, and so I recommend that on account of the pearl fishery and the purchase of a trawler the allotment of Rs. 44,300 may be made."

At this stage Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan rose to speak.

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Do you want to take much time ? "

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" I want to take about ten minutes."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" You may make your speech to-morrow. The House is adjourned to to-morrow 11 a.m."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

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Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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IV—ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION—*cont.*

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"If hon. Members want to continue the debate, they will have to do it after lunch.

"Before we adjourn for lunch, I have to inform the House that the motion for the adjournment of the House moved by the hon. Member, Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar, has been disallowed by His Excellency the Governor under rule 22 (2) of the Legislative Council Rules as not being primarily the concern of the Local Government."

The House then (1-35 p.m.) adjourned for lunch to meet again at 2-30 p.m.

After Lunch (2-35 p.m.).

XII—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1925-26—*cont.*

Grant XVII (i)—cont.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"If the hon. Member from Coimbatore does not propose to continue his speech, I will ask the hon. the Minister for Education to reply."

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—"I have not finished my remarks, Sir. May I finish the speech ?"

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—"The demand has been discussed for a long time and if the hon. Member wishes to wind up in a sentence or two, he can do so."

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—"I only want to say this. We should not think that we have effected great advancement in education by finding more money and establishing more schools. What I would urge is that the quality of education must be improved along with the number of schools and the large amount of money we are spending on them. By giving grants according to the results of the schools, we will be inducing the teachers to work hard and earn very much more. But if the grants are given on mere recommendations of certain authorities, it will all depend on favouritism or otherwise of the inspecting authorities who recommend these grants. We know in what way these grants are distributed and there are so many difficulties and hardships experienced by teachers, by our not giving proportionate benefit as between the teacher who works hard and the one who simply marks time. I therefore appeal to the hon. the Minister for Education that along with his taking credit for spending large amounts for primary education and multiplying the number of schools that he would be kind enough to see that the quality of education is improved by resorting to the former method of giving grants according to the results of the schools."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"Mr. President, I want to add only one word in regard to this matter. I feel gratified that we have been able to secure some funds for the expansion of elementary education. But I feel disheartened when, at any rate in the mufassal, we find that the sort of education that is available now is not the sort of education that we want. I am disposed to feel that much of this money is practically wasted in the so-called elementary education and the increase of the number of schools. For one thing the

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APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 44 asked by Mr. G. Rameswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th August 1925, page 46 supra.]

G.O. Mis. No. 894, P.H., dated 28th April 1925.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O. No. 1014, P.H., dated 25th June 1923.
" " 366, P.H., " 4th March 1924.

From the Surgeon-General, dated 19/25th November 1924, No. 2542-1-Gl.

Memorandum No. 23515-2, P.H., dated 2nd February 1925.

From the Surgeon-General, dated 26th February 1925, No. 2542-5-Gl.

Order—Mis. No. 894, P.H., dated 28th April 1925.

The Government have carefully considered the Surgeon-General's proposals for the exemption of the students who joined the Medical Colleges in Madras and Vizagapatam prior to 1st July 1924, from payment of the enhanced rates of fees fixed under G.O. No. 1014, P.H., dated 25th June 1923, and agree with him that they should be granted some concession. They are accordingly pleased to allow such students to pay fees, at the old rates, for the period normally occupied for the full prescribed course, viz., five years. If, for any reason, they are compelled to stay on for more than five years, they should pay fees at the enhanced rates only for the period in excess over five years. If, in applying the above principle, it is found that any student has already paid in excess such overpayment should be adjusted towards future fees due from him or refunded to him in case it cannot be so adjusted.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

V. PANDRANG ROW,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Accountant-General (through Finance).
" Finance Department.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 71 asked by Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th August 1925, page 62 supra.]

G.O. Mis. No. 1893, L. & M., dated 1st June 1925.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Vice-President, Taluk Board, Tiruturaipundi, dated 4th February 1925.

Endorsement of the President, District Board, Tanjore, No. 59, dated 2nd May 1925.

Order—Mis. No. 1893, *L. & M., dated* 1st *June* 1925.

Recorded.

2. The Government expect the members and presidents of all local boards to work harmoniously for the good of the administration.

3. The President, Taluk Board, Tiruturaipundi, has not placed the statements and papers called for by the Board in its resolution No. 9, dated 29th April 1924. His explanation that the printing of the papers 'must necessarily take time' cannot be accepted as sufficient justification for the unconscionable delay of about one year. The Government cannot too strongly condemn the remissness of the President in this regard. The statements and papers called for by the Board should be placed before it without further delay.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

C. B. COTTERELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the President, District Board, Tanjore.
,, President, Taluk Board, Tiruturaipundi (through the President, District Board, Tanjore).

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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide item IX (1) Communications to the Council on page 68 supra.]

G.O. No. 299, Development, dated 26th February 1925.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter from Dr. B. SUNDARA RAJ, M.A., PH. D., Director of Fisheries, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (through the Accountant-General), dated Madras, the 14th January 1925, Ref. No. 2152-P/24-3.

[Cannery Accounts—Audit report.]

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter, dated 18th December 1924, received from Messrs. Fraser & Ross, Chartered Accountants, Commercial Accountants and Auditors to the Government of Madras, together with the Balance Sheet, Production, Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts for the quarter ending 30th September 1924. The loss of Rs. 2,067-14-4 is due to poor sales during the quarter.

[Sir A. P. Patro] [18th August 1925

may raise the rate and may collect or mulct a fee from the boys of a particular locality. It may be that either other schools charge lower. That is a matter of competition. Or no facilities are probably available in that locality. If there is no other school near by to which the poor parents could send their boys or girls, those teacher managers raise the fees and may say that the fee would be four annas instead of two annas. It is not therefore a legitimate charge but is a fee that is wrung out of the poor parents who for want of proper facilities in that locality have no other option but to yield. In the city of Madras there are instances where there are two or three localities where the fees are low because there is competition and the fees are high for the opposite reason. In such cases, with regard to judging what the actual fee income is the fee that has been collected in the previous year has to be taken into account. Again, there are no financial statements available and there are no regular accounts kept without which we cannot decide the compensation permissible. Knowing that there is going to be a compulsory system of education to be introduced, the teacher managers may maintain some sort of accounts. Are we to be guided by those accounts? Then there is the further difficulty; are you going to accept the compensation simply because he has been charging the ratepayer of the locality much more than he would be legitimately entitled to? In that case, may I ask wherein lies the equity of the demand by any school which has been charging more than the standard rate? The standard rate fixed by the Government is being observed in the other institutions. There are 23 municipalities which have adopted compulsory system of education and in all those cases you have got the standard rates. Such being the case, why should the teacher managers in the limits of the Corporation claim a special privilege just because in certain localities you have not got necessary educational facilities? Are we to give them a reward for an inequitous act? Therefore in the matter of giving compensation, these are the practical difficulties which face us. The Corporation has submitted its budget with regard to the very matter and I quite sympathize with its difficulties that it has to pay more than what has been calculated already. But it should be realized that the difficulty of the Government is greater. In fact the very object of the policy would be lost by recognizing this system of compensation. The better system of education that is contemplated would be frustrated if you want to fritter away the resources available on purposes that are not essential. Therefore I regret very much that it is not possible according to the present principles and rules framed to extend the concession which the Corporation has asked for. I may point out that my hon. Friend has raised the question when the matter is still under the consideration of the Government and has not yet been decided on. I do not know what decision would be arrived at ultimately in the case of those who have been extorting or mulcting money by charging more than standard rates. The matter is still under consideration."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I presume the motion for reduction is not pressed."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I intend to press the motion, Sir. May I have an opportunity to reply, Sir ?"

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" If the hon. Member wishes to ask a question, he may do so. But it does not seem right to let him make a reply at this stage."

SUB-ENCLOSURES

GOVERNMENT FISHERIES CANNERY, CHALIYAM.

(1)

Balance sheet as at 30th September 1924.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Capital—			
Government of Madras—			
Balance as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924.	..	1,02,814 14 5	
Less—Loss as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924.	2,371 8 5		
Remittances during the previous year adjusted in the cannery accounts during the year.	163 11 0		
Balance of Permanent advance returned.	231 13 9		
		2,767 1 2	
		1,00,047 13 3	
Add—Working capital from 1st April 1924.		3,000 0 0	
		1,03,047 13 3	
Add—Reserve for expenses—			
Direction charges ..	3,250 5 4		
Interest on capital ..	4,933 6 0		
Audit fee	650 0 0		
Contribution for leave and pension allowances.	382 4 6		
		9,215 15 10	
			1,12,263 13 1

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fixed capital expenditure—		
Buildings—		
As per last balance sheet	18,597 0 0	
Less—Depreciation to date.. ..	1,763 0 0	
		16,834 0 0
Plant and machinery—		
As per last balance sheet	23,350 9 0	
Less—Depreciation to date. ..	2,997 5 0	
		20,353 4 0
Office furniture—		
As per last balance sheet	1,445 9 8	
Less—Depreciation to date. ..	136 8 2	
		1,309 1 6
		38,496 5 6
Tools		960 0 0
Raw materials		12,366 14 5
Stock in-trade		54,821 4 3
Book Debts—		
Considered good	1,098 7 5	
Considered doubtful	279 15 0	
		1,378 6 5
Cash and other balances—		
With Treasury, Calicut, No. II account.	961 1 10	
With Treasury, Calicut, No. I account	166 4 5	
Cash on hand	157 2 3	
Service stamps	47 14 0	
		1,332 6 6

Reserve for bad and doubtful debts. ..	..	279 15 0	Profit and Loss Account—		
Liabilities—			Loss for the quarter ending 30th June 1924.	1,897 15 11	
For purchases	568 4 0		Loss for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.	2,067 14 4	
For expenses	195 15 3				3,965 14 3
For customers' credit balances.	12 4 0				
		776 7 3			
Total ..		1,13,320 3 4	Total ..		1,13,320 3 4

(2)

Production account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To Opening stock—			By Sundry sales		291 6 6
Raw materials	12,432 5 8		By Value of Canned Fish produced.		3,707 12 2
Empty cans	1,166 0 0		By Closing stock—		
Guano	165 0 0		Raw materials	10,844 4 5	
Fish oil	10 0 0		Empty cans	1,105 0 0	
Prawn shells	6 0 0		Guano	4 4 0	
Pit manure	10 0 0	13,789 5 8	Prawn shells	6 0 0	
To purchases—			Fish oil	5 0 0	
Fish for canning	618 5 1		Solder sticks	86 4 0	12,050 12 5
Raw materials including condiments.	298 2 1	916 7 2			
To Manufacturing Wages ..	939 8 6				
To salaries—					
Mechanic	106 3 0				
Canning overseer	112 15 0				
Store clerk—half pay	55 14 6				
Superintendent—one-third ..	100 0 0	375 0 6			
To repairs	..	4 1 3			
To Depreciation on tools ..	..	25 8 0			
Total ..		16,049 15 1	Total ..		16,049 15 1

(3)

Trading account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To Opening stock—		
At Chaliyan and Madras	54,267 13 4	
Packing materials	333 4 0	
		54,601 1 4
To Canned Fish as per production account.	..	3,707 12 2
To selling expenses—		
Packing materials	27 9 0	
Railway freight	106 1 0	
Petty coolie	54 8 10	
Postage and telegrams ..	813 3 0	
Advertisement charges ..	425 8 3	
Salaries	325 6 6	
Commission and discount ..	69 10 1	
Travelling expense	57 11 0	
		1,879 9 8
Total ..		60,188 7 2

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
By sales	4,752 10 6	
Less—Returns inwards ..	27 4 0	
		4,725 6 6
By closing stock—		
At Madras and Chaliyam ..	54,821 4 3	
Packing materials	315 2 0	
		55,136 6 3
By balance transferred to profit and loss account.	..	326 10 5
Total ..		60,188 7 2

(4)

Profit and loss account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To balance transferred from trading account.	..	326 10 5
To establishment	269 8 0	
,, Printing and Stationery ..	67 8 8	
,, Miscellaneous expenses ..	4 6 5	
,, Law charges	10 0 0	
,, Share of direction expenses ..	105 0 0	
,, Interest on capital ..	581 10 0	
,, Audit fee	200 0 0	
,, Contribution for leave and pension.	237 4 0	
		1,475 5 1
To depreciation on—		
Buildings	139 8 0	
Plant and machinery	291 14 0	
Furniture	18 0 0	
		449 6 0
Total ..		2,251 5 6

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
By miscellaneous receipts ..	..	183 7 2
By net loss carried to balance sheet.	..	2,067 14 4
Total ..		2,251 5 6

II

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. H.A. Comml. 8–525, dated 22nd January 1925.

Forwarded.

2. The amount actually to be debited for the quarter on account of Audit fee is Rs. 224-2-9 as against Rs 200 shown in the Profit and Loss Account. The difference may be adjusted in the Profit and Loss Account of the next quarter after taking into account the sum of Rs. 15–6–0 reserved in excess in the account of the previous quarter and referred to in paragraph 2 (*e*) of this office H.A. Comml. No. 8–438, dated 7th November 1924. In the Government accounts, a sum of Rs. 408–12–9, being the actual charges for audit in the first two quarters, will be transferred from the personal deposit balance of the Cannery to the credit of " Recoveries of indirect charges from Government commercial undertakings ". A similar adjustment will also be made as regards contribution for leave and pension in respect of such of the employees as hold permanent pensionable posts under Government, and the correct figures advised to the Auditors and to the Director of Fisheries.

3. With reference to the instructions in item II of G.O. No. 1941, Development, dated 13th November 1924, regarding the fixation of the capital of a going concern as at the date of starting with a personal ledger account, the Director of Fisheries may be requested to report whether any of the assets shown in the balance sheet at 31st March 1924 (paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 2044, Development, dated 28th November 1924) require to be revalued with reference to their existing condition or usefulness.

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TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

J. F. MITCHELL,
Accountant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

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Order—No. 299, Development, dated 26th February 1925.

Recorded.

2. The attention of Messrs. Fraser & Ross is invited to paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's endorsement. The Director of Fisheries is requested to furnish information on the point raised in paragraph 3 of the Accountant-General's endorsement.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Development)

G. T. H. BRACKEN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Legislative Council Office

APPENDIX V.

[Vide item IX (1) 'Communications to the Council' on page 68 supra.]

G.O. No. 402, Development, dated 19th March 1925.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter from E. F. THOMAS, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Director of Industries, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (through the Accountant-General, Madras), dated Madras, the 23rd January 1925, No. 457-E/24.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of the Fruit-Preserving Institute, Coonoor, for the quarter ending the 30th September 1924, received from Messrs. Fraser & Ross with their letter dated the 7th January 1925, a copy of which is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from Messrs. FRASER & ROSS, Chartered Accountants, Commercial Accountants and Auditors to the Government of Madras, to the Director of Industries, dated Madras, the 7th January 1925.

[Government Fruit-Preserving Institute, Coonoor—Accounts for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.]

We have the honour to hand you herewith, in duplicate, the balance sheet of the above Institute as at the 30th September 1924, duly certified, together with the relative Profit and Loss Account for the quarter ending that date, one copy of which please forward to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Development Department.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosures.

We are not making a separate report on the accounts herewith submitted, as there are no points calling for special mention.

SUB-ENCLOSURES.

GOVERNMENT FRUIT-PRESERVING INSTITUTE, COONOOR.

(1)

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Capital—		
Government of Madras—		
Balance as per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924	1,31,180 15 4	
Add Withdrawals as per Contingent Bills.	21,058 7 8	
	1,52,239 7 0	
Less Remittance into Treasury, etc...	6,513 8 5	
	1,45,725 14 7	
Add Reserves for expenses—		
Direction Charges	750 0 0	
Audit and Organization	1,621 10 8	
		1,48,097 9 3
Liabilities—		
For expenses	3,895 13 1	
For customers credit balances	19 12 3	
		3,915 9 4

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fixed capital expenditure—		
Land—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924	..	9,280 12 9
Buildings—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	45,355 12 2	
Less Depreciation to date	3,382 12 2	
		41,973 0 0
Plant and machinery—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	15,514 6 7	
Add Additions during the period ..	34 0 0	
	15,548 6 7	
Less Depreciation to date ..	2,672 6 7	
		12,876 0
Office furniture—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	2,799 15 4	
Less Depreciation to date	299 15 4	
		2,500 0 0
Water-supply—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	3,036 15 6	
Less Depreciation to date	264 15 6	
		2,772 0 0
		69,401 12 9
Road—		
At original cost	387 14 0	
Less Depreciation to date ..	19 14 0	
		368 0 0
Utensils, as per valuation	..	844 8 3
Laboratory, as per valuation ..	..	778 4 0
Library, as per valuation	..	131 4 0
Graden account	..	521 8 0

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924—cont.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES—*cont.*

Total .. 1,52,013 2 7

PROPERTY AND ASSETS—*cont.*

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Preliminary expenses—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	..	4,459 3 5
Experimental charges—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	..	5,829 1 10
Loose tools, as per valuation	..	135 11 0
Store stock, at cost	..	15,201 2 9
Stationery stock, at cost	..	417 11 11
Stock-in-trade—		
15,777 lb. at As. 7 per lb. in containers at the Factory.	6,902 7 0	
461 lb. at As. 7 per lb. in containers at the Exhibitions.	201 11 0	
		7,104 2 0
Advertisements prepaid	..	190 0 0
Book debts—		
Considered good	..	3,780 7 6
Cash and other balances—		
Stamps in hand	121 15 6	
Cash in hand	92 9 3	
		214 8 9
Profit and Loss Account—		
As per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924.	45,639 8 5	
Less interest on fixed assets reserved to end of 30th June 1924 now reversed as per G. O. No. 1941.	10,209 8 0	
	35,430 0 5	
Add Loss as per Profit and Loss Account.	7,205 12 0	
		42,635 12 5
Total ..		1,52,013 2 7

Examined and found correct.

MADRAS,
7th January 1925.

FRASER & ROSS,
Chartered Accountants, Commercial Accountants and Auditors to the Government of Madras.

(2)

Profit and Loss Account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

	lb.	Per lb. Annas	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To Stock on 1st July 1924 ..	11,333	8·00		5,666 8 0
,, Cost of Production—				
Fruits			1,298 8 8	
Sugar			1,711 14 6	
Other raw materials			8 15 0	
Sundry stores			510 1 1	
Containers			1,834 9 5	
Fuel			262 5 10	
Wages including supervision			1,208 12 6	
	15,718	6·96		6,835 3 0
,, Office Expenses—				
Lady Manager's pay, 2/3rds ..			908 5 4	
Staff salaries			1,781 15 6	
Travelling expenses			1,502 12 0	
Advertisements			1,264 8 0	
Printing and Stationery .			95 12 8	
Postage and Telegrams ..			85 7 6	
Packing and Transport ..			292 9 3	
Samples			24 11 0	
Sundry expenses			3 0 0	
		6·01		5,909 1 3
,, Other expenses—				
Rates and Taxes			123 4 0	
Direction charges			125 0 0	
Repairs and Renewals ..			153 13 5	
Tools, Utensils, etc., written off.			166 13 9	
Audit fee			150 0 0	
		0·73		718 15 2
,, Depreciation—				
On Buildings at 3 per cent ..			340 0 0	
On Plant and Machinery at 7 per cent			271 0 0	
On Water-supply at 7 per cent			54 0 0	
On Furniture at 5 per cent ..			34 0 0	
		0·72		699 0 0
	27,051	22·42	Total ..	19,828 11 5

	lb	Per lb. Annas	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
By Sales—				
In July 1924	3,694			
In August 1924 ..	4,290			
In September 1924 ..	2,822			
	10,806			
Less Returns	62			
	10,746 }	8·18		5,518 13 5
,, Samples	67 }			
,, Stock	16,238	7·00		7,104 2 0
,, Loss		7·24		7,205 12 0
Note—				
Cost per lb. as per Profit and Loss Account ..			1 6·42	
Cost per lb. of Opening Stock			0 8·00	
Cost of Production per lb.			0 14·42	
	27,051	22·42	Total ..	19,828 11 5

II

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No, Nilg. 4–555, dated 18th February 1925.

Forwarded.

2. The withdrawals according to the books of this office during the quarter ending 30th September 1924 amount to Rs. 15,186-3-11 against Rs. 21,058-7-8 shown in the balance sheet attached.

3. The report does not state whether the calendar of fruits showing daily variations in price, quantities offering, etc., prescribed in paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 1600, Development, dated 12th September 1924, had been opened since. The usefulness of such a calendar record is also referred to in paragraph 5 of Mr. George's report of the 14th November 1922.

4. The value of the stocks held on the 30th September 1924 was more than twice the cost of the stores in stock at the close of the three previous quarters. As a good portion of the stock may be fruits which require to be worked up rapidly, it may be desirable to inquire whether a proportionately large increase in output during the third quarter was anticipated when laying in these heavy stocks in the previous quarter and what portion of these has since been used up.

5. Even excluding the pay of the lady manager, the actual cash expenditure on the production and sale of Jam during this quarter amounted to Rs 11,658-13-8, which works out at an average of 11·87 as per lb. against which only an average of 8·18 annas per lb. has been obtained in sales.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

M. Subrahmanyam,
Deputy Accountant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

Order—No. 402, Development, dated 19th March 1925.

Recorded.

2. The Director is requested to submit a report on the points raised by the Accountant-General in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his endorsement.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Development)

G. T. H. Bracken,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Industries.
,, the Accountant-General (through Finance).
,, the Finance Department.
,, Messrs. Fraser & Ross.
,, the Auditor-General (with C.L.)
,, the Secretary, Legislative Council office, for placing on the Council Table.

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide item IX (1) 'Communications to the Council' on page 69 supra].

G.O. No. 612, Development, dated 24th April 1925.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 222, Development, dated 11th February 1925.

II

Letter from H. TIREMAN, Esq., Acting Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (through the Accountant-General, Madras), dated the 14th January 1925, Ref. No. 8373/24-2.

[Russellkonda Saw Mill—Accounts and audit report for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.]

I forward herewith a copy of Messrs. Fraser & Ross, report and accounts relating to the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

2. The only point which calls for remarks is whether the commission payable to Messrs. Parry & Co. is to be calculated on the "sale price obtained" or on the "sale price realized". Messrs. Parry & Co., to whom I referred the matter, state that the commission payable to them is calculated on the sale price realized f.o.r. Berhampur less the selling expenses, i.e., commissions and brokerage.

ENCLOSURES

(1)

RUSSELLKONDA SAW MILL.

Report and accounts for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

1. *Fixed capital expenditure—(a) Buildings.*—Details of additions, amounting to Rs. 10,610-8-3, are shown per contra in the capital account.

(*b*) *Machinery.*—The demurrage charge of Rs. 486-6-0 included in original cost of the machinery has been deducted as the amount was refunded to Government partly in August 1922 and partly in January 1923 as per the Chief Conservator's letter to us dated 25th September 1924.

2. Stocks have been valued on the same basis as at 30th June 1924.

3. *Sundry debtors.*—Doubtful debts, totalling Rs. 3,954-7-5, will be written off in the final accounts for the year ending 31st March 1925 unless previously realized.

The agreement between the Government and Messrs. Parry & Co. provides for payment of commission on sales at "five per cent on the sale price obtained". This is not necessarily the same as the sale price realized.

[18th August 1925

At present commission is debited to profit and loss account on all sales and credited to a reserve account and Messrs. Parry & Co. only draw such commission on the actual realization of sale-proceeds. The figure of Rs. 1,757-0-11 shown under liabilities for other finance in the balance sheet includes Rs. 1,235-11-1 due to Messrs. Parry & Co. on account of commission not drawn which is a little more than 5 per cent on the total sundry debtors Rs. 24,605-0-3.

We shall be glad to hear that Government and Messrs. Parry & Co. are agreed as to the figure on which commission is definitely payable.

4. *Cash and other balances.*—A pass book has been issued by the treasury and the balance as per that book has been reconciled with the mill books as at the date of the balance sheet.

5. *Capital.*—The following is a reconciliation of the balance to the credit of capital account as per the mill books with the balance as shewn by the Accountant-General in his letter to us No. H.A. Comml. 12-442, dated 12th November 1924 :—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Balance as per Accountant-General's letter.	..			4,54,449	13	1
Less—Cost of sinking a well included in the mill books in the month of October 1921.	2,797	8	6	..		
Refund of demurrage on machinery.	486	6	0	..		
Loss up to 31st March 1924 ..	59,075	6	10	..		
				62,359	5	4
Balance as per balance sheet ..				3,92,090	7	9

The loss up to 31st March 1924 as per the previous balance sheet was Rs. 59,195-3-10 from which has been deducted depreciation and interest on the demurrage charge of Rs. 486-6-0 charged to the profit and loss accounts to that date.

6. *Profit and loss account.*—The output has been increased to 16,573·48 c.ft. from 6,791·33 c.ft. in the previous quarter, thereby reducing the direct cost of production from Rs. 1-7-11 per c.ft. to Rs. 1-2-9 per c.ft. Loss on conversion from log to sawn timber was 63·4 per cent as against 58·3 per cent for the previous quarter.

Interest and depreciation have been charged at the rates adopted for the year ending 31st March 1924, but they will be subject to final adjustment at the end of the financial year.

The accounts shew a profit of Rs. 1,914-8-10 against a loss of Rs. 2,075-12-5 for the previous quarter. The profit is mainly due to a sum of Rs. 3,899-9-5 realized by sales of rejections and firewood and to the reduced cost of production, but a comparison of the results with those of the previous quarter is not possible due to the fact that for 45 days during the three months to 30th June the mill was not working, while standing charges were not affected, and to the fact that there was a great difference in sales during the two periods.

(2)

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Capital—			
Government of Madras Forest Department— Balance as per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924	..	..	4,41,041 12 4
Add—Cost of Berhampur Depot	..	9,108 7 4	
Cost of Lorry shed ..	..	1,448 13 1	
Cost of supervision charges on fixing barbed wire	..	53 3 10	
			10,610 8 3
			4,51,652 4 7
Less—Refund of demurrage on machinery ..	..	486 6 0	
Loss up to 31st March 1924	59,195 3 10		
Less—Depreciation and interest on the above refund of demurrage.	119 13 0	59,075 6 10	
			59,561 12 10
			3,92,090 7 9
Provision for expenses— Audit fee	..	4,088 13 3	
Interest on capital ..	..	63,951 8 11	
			68,040 6 2
District Forest Officer, Ganjam— For logs as per balance sheet as at 30th June 1924	..	32,142 0 0	
Carried over ..			4,60,130 13 11

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fixed Capital Expenditure—		
Buildings—		
At cost as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924	1,34,142 5 2	
Less—One mill stone sold	6 0 0	
	1,34,136 5 2	
Add—Additions	10,610 8 3	
	1,44,746 13 5	
Less—Depreciation to date ..	8,422 1 1	1,36,324 12 4
Machinery—		
At cost as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924	2,42,672 8 10	
Less—Refund of demurrage ..	486 6 0	
	2,42,186 2 10	
Less—Depreciation to date	32,113 1 6	2,10,073 1 4
Tram line—		
At cost as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924	4,000 0 0	
Less—Depreciation to date	600 0 0	3,400 0 0
Furniture—		
At cost as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924	6,138 11 3	
Add—Additions during the quarter.	39 8 0	
	6,178 3 3	
Less—Depreciation to date ..	750 11 8	5,427 7 7
Carried over ..		3,55,225 5 3

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924—*cont.*

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES—*cont.*

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..			4,60,130 13 11
For 44,850 cubic feet at 4 annas per cubic foot.	11,212 8 0		
For 42 cubic feet at 3 annas per cubic foot.	7 14 0		
		11,220 6 0	
		43,362 6 0	
Less—Payments during quarter		14,921 0 0	
			28,441 6 0
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts ..		..	3,954 7 5
Liabilities—			
For expenses		431 5 8	
For Customers Credit Balances ..		1,223 8 0	
For other finance		1,757 0 11	
			3,411 14 7
Total ..			4,95,938 9 11

PROPERTY AND ASSETS—*cont.*

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..			3,55,225 5 3
Motor and other conveyances— At cost less depreciation		..	16,579 14 7
Stores and spare gear—			
Machinery spare parts ..		4,245 6 8	
Tools and stores in stock.		6,686 11 4	
Tools in use		349 6 10	
			11,281 8 10
Stock— 32,601·17 c.ft. cut Timber.		57,894 10 5	
242 c.ft. logs	57 14 0		
Transport charges to mill.	2 8 4		
		60 6 4	
			57,955 0 9
Sundry debtors—			
Due for Timber sold considered good.		20,650 8 10	
Due for Timber sold considered doubtful.		3,954 7 5	
			24,605 0 3
Advances and deposits ..		..	190 14 8
Cash and other balances—			
Cash with Treasury ..		29,694 1 10	
On hand		245 8 2	
			29,939 10 0
Profit and Loss account—			
Loss for the quarter to 30th June 1924.		2,075 12 5	
Less profit for the quarter as per profit and loss account.		1,914 8 10	
			161 3 7
Total ..			4,95,938 9 11

We report that we have examined and audited the balance sheet of the Russellkonda Saw Mills, as at 30th September 1924, and above set forth and that we have received all the information and explanations we have required; we certify that, in our opinion, such balance sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the mills as at that date according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the mills.

FRASER & ROSS,
Chartered Accountants, Commercial Accountants and Auditors to the Government of Madras.

MADRAS,
27th November 1924.

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Profit and Loss Account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To Stock— 27,808·68 c.ft. timber	..	49,588 8 1
,, Purchases— 44,850 c.ft. logs at 4 annas per c.ft. ..	11,212 8 0	
42 c.ft. logs at 3 annas per c.ft. ..	7 14 0	
641 c.ft. logs stock on 30th June 1924.	160 4 0	
45,533 c.ft.	11,380 10 0	
Less— 242 c.ft. logs uncut in stock ..	57 14 0	
45,291 c.ft. logs worked	11,322 12 0	
To Cart-hire on logs	471 12 6	
,, Machinery running costs	2,139 13 9	
,, General stores	737 5 0	
,, Mill establishment	4,501 5 7	
,, Boiler fuel	324 0 0	
Cost of 16,573·48 c.ft. of sawn timber at Rs. 1-2-9 per c.ft.	..	19,497 0 10
28,717·52 c.ft. loss on conversion.		
452·91 c.ft.		
	Carried over ..	69,085 8 11

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
By Sales— Rejections and firewood	3,899 9 5	
11,699·82 c.ft. timber at Rs. 3-0-8 per c.ft.	35,498 8 6	
		39,398 1 11
,, Stock— 22,763·44 c.ft. timber at the mills at Rs. 1-10-0 per c.ft.	36,990 9 5	
8,199·59 c.ft. timber at Berhampur Depot at Rs. 2 per c.ft	16,399 2 10	
1,638·14 c.ft. timber at Calcutta at Rs. 2-12-0 per c.ft.	4,504 14 2	
		57,894 10 5
32,601·17 c.ft.		
	Carried over ..	97,292 12 4

Profit and Loss Account for the quarter ending 30th September 1924—cont.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		69,085 8 11
To Cart-hire and loading charges		237 10 3
,, Cart-hire to Berhampur		4,497 6 6
,, Charges, Calcutta		290 8 8
,, Berhampur Depot expenses		789 13 11
,, Managing Agents' fees		1,050 0 0
,, Office establishment		3,658 1 5
,, Stationery and Advertisement ..		200 0 9
,, Postage and Telegrams		114 0 6
,, Travelling expenses		270 12 9
,, General expenses		53 4 2
,, Commission on sales		1,954 9 3
,, Repairs to buildings		2 13 9
,, Motor-car expenses		215 10 7
,, Depreciation on—		
Buildings	907 12 4	
Machinery	3,215 13 9	
Furniture	76 14 2	
Motor, etc.	1,038 10 11	
Tram line	200 0 0	
		5,439 3 2
,, Interest on capital		6,818 11 10
,, Audit fees and expenses reserved ..		700 0 0
,, Net profit for the quarter		1,914 8 10
		97,292 12 4

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Brought forward ..		97,292 12 4
		97,292 12 4

III

Endorsement No. 160–*I*/25–1, *Development, dated 17th February* 1925.

Referred to the Accountant-General for favour of very early remarks.

(By order)

G. H. COOKE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

IV

Letter from H. TIREMAN, Esq., Acting Chief Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated the 21st March 1925, Mis. No. 86.

[*Reference.*—Paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 222, Development, dated 11th February 1925.]

The commission payable to Messrs. Parry & Co. is calculated on the sale prices actually realized as already reported in my Reference No 8373/24-2, dated 14th January 1925.

V

Letter from J F. MITCHELL, Esq., I.C.S., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated the 27th February 1925, No. H. A. Comml. 12–583.

In returning herewith the Auditor's Report on the accounts of the Russellkonda Mill for the second quarter of the year forwarded with your Endorsement No. 160–I/25–1, dated 19th February 1925, I have the honour to observe as follows :—

1. Doubtful debts aggregating Rs. 3,954–7–5 which have been reserved for, by debiting the profit and loss account, are proposed to be written off in the accounts of the last quarter of the year if not recovered meanwhile. On such final write-off, the Chief Conservator has to decide with reference to paragraph 3 of the agreement with Messrs. Parry & Co. [printed at page 25 of G.O. No. 1911, Revenue (Special), dated 2nd November 1920] whether the loss is to be borne by Government as a *necessary* charge for the sale of its products or has to be made good by the firm. In coming to a decision on the point, reference is necessary to paragraph 15 of the agreement drafted by the Government Solicitor (at page 20 of the above Government Order) which specifically provided that 'all sales shall be at the risk of the managing agents who shall be responsible for the payment of the purchase price to Government and the Secretary of State shall not in any way be concerned with the default of the buyers or with any dispute as to the quantity or the quality of the timber.' When discussing this condition (vide page 14 in the above Government Order) Messrs. Parry & Co. had no remarks on the first portion regarding *default* of the buyers but merely wished for power be given to the Board of Control to sanction rebates in case of mistakes in or disputes about *delivery* referred to in the second portion of the clause. The suggestion of the agents on the latter has been embodied in paragraph 6

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of the final agreement and it seems therefore that the intention is to hold Messrs. Parry & Co. liable to make good losses due to insolvency of their customers.

2. *Commission payable to the agents.*—It appears from the Auditor's Report that the agents charge commission of 5 per cent on the net amount (i.e., gross invoice price less allowance or brokerage granted to the customers) of the sales actually effected. This commission is charged in the profit and loss account by credit to a reserve account, and when the sale-proceeds are actually realized, the percentage due on that portion is drawn out by the firm from the 'reserve.' The result of this procedure is that the profit and loss account gets charged with the commission on the total amount of the net sales though what may be due to the firm as a commission is only a percentage on the sale-proceeds actually received. To avoid this, it is preferable that the charge for agents' commission in the profit and loss account is limited to 5 per cent on the portion of the sale amounts actually paid in.

Order—No. 612, Development, dated 24th April 1925.

Recorded.

2. *Paragraph 1 of the Accountant-General's letter dated 27th February* 1925.—When submitting the audit report and accounts for the year ending 31st March 1925, the Chief Conservator of Forests should examine and report on the point raised by the Accountant-General, namely, whether the doubtful debts, if any, actually written off in the accounts should be borne by Government as a necessary charge for the sale of the products of the mills or should be made good by the firm.

3. *Paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's letter.*—The Government agree with the Accountant-General that the charge for agents' commission in the profit and loss accounts should be limited to 5 per cent on the sale amounts actually paid in.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

G. T. H. BRACKEN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Finance Department.
,, Messrs. Fraser & Ross.
,, the Auditor-General (with C.L.).
,, the Secretary to the Legislative Council (for placing the Government Order on the Council table).

APPENDIX VII

[Vide item IX (1) Communications to the Council, on page 69 supra.]

G.O. No. 629, Finance, dated 23rd July 1925.

The Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for 1925–26 will be constituted as follows:—

A.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Nominated by His Excellency the Governor.

(1) The Hon'ble Mr. T. E. Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., *Chairman.*
(2) G. T. Boag, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.
(3) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja Avargal, M.L.C.

Elected by the Non-Official Members of the Council.

(4) M.R.Ry. Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai Avargal, M.L.C.
(5) ,, Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan Avargal, M.L.C.
(6) ,, P. C. Venkatapathi Raju Garu, M.L.C.
(7) Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo, M.L.C.
(8) M.R.Ry. A. V. Bhanoji Rao Avargal, M.L.C.
(9) K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
(10) Muhammad Ghouse Mian Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.

B.—STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Nominated by His Excellency the Governor.

(1) The Hon'ble Mr. T. E. Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., *Chairman.*
(2) G. T. Boag, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.
(3) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur K. Suryanarayanamurti Nayudu Garu, M.L.C.

Elected by the Non-Official Members of the Council.

(4) M.R.Ry. C. Ramalinga Reddi Garu, M.L.C.
(5) ,, P. N. Marthandam Pillai Avargal, M.L.C.
(6) ,, K. Prabhakaran Tampan Avargal, M.L.C.
(7) Muhammad Ghouse Mian Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
(8) Muhammad Moosa Sait Bahadur, M.L.C.
(9) Khan Bahadur P. Khalifulla Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

G. T. BOAG,
Secretary to Government.

To all Departments of the Secretariat.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, all Secretaries to Government.
,, all Members of the Public Accounts and Finance Committees.
,, the Secretary to the Legislative Council (for communication to the Members of the Legislative Council).

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[Vide item IX (1) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

G.O. No. 967, Development, dated 6th July 1925.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 222, Development, dated 11th February 1925.
" " 176 " " 3rd February 1925.

II

Letter from Messrs. FRASER & ROSS, to the Acting Chief Conservator of Forests, dated Madras, the 26th February 1925.

We have the honour to hand you herewith, in duplicate, the balance sheet of the above as at 31st December 1924 duly certified together with the Profit and Loss Account for the quarter ending that date, and schedules.

We note that the following purchases have been made by Messrs. Parry & Co. direct and debited to Machinery Spare Parts account :—

(1) Simonds Wide Bandsaws for dollars 672·12 (Rupees 2,050-12-0) from New York.

(2) Mitre for £14-16-9 from Rochdale.

Kindly forward one copy of each of the accounts to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

ENCLOSURES.

RUSSELLKONDA SAW MILLS.

(1)

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1924.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Capital—		
Government of Madras—Forest department—		
Balance as per balance sheet as at 31st March 1924	..	4,64,041 12 4
Less Loss for 1922-23 as per schedule A	8,311 1 3	
Less refund by Government on account	6,216 0 9	
	2,095 0 6	
Loss for 1923-24 as per schedule B	6,059 5 3	
		8,154 5 9
		4,55,887 6 7
Less Working Capital surrendered	23,000 0 0	
Refund of demurrage on machinery	486 6 0	
		23,486 6 0
		4,32,401 0 7
Add Cost of Berhampur Depot.	9,108 7 4	
Cost of Lorry Shed ..	1,448 13 1	
Cost of Sinking Well ..	2,797 8 6	
Supervision charges on fixing barbed wire ..	53 3 10	
		13,408 0 9
		4,45,809 1 4

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fixed Capital Expenditure—		
Buildings—		
At cost as per Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924	1,44,746 13 5	
Add Additions (cost of a well) ..	2,797 8 6	
	1,47,544 5 11	
Less Depreciation to date ..	9,344 3 7	
		1,38,200 2 4
Machinery—		
At cost as per Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924	2,42,186 2 10	
Less Depreciation to date ..	35,324 7 3	
		2,06,861 11 7
Tram line—		
At cost as per Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924	4,000 0 0	
Less Depreciation to date ..	800 0 0	
		3,200 0 0
Furniture—		
At cost as per Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924	6,178 3 3	
Add Additions	90 0 0	
	6,268 3 3	
Less Depreciation to date ..	827 15 2	
		5,440 4 1
		3,53,702 2 0

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1924—cont.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES—*cont.*

		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Provision for expenses—			
Audit fee		..	4,120 14 3
District Forest Officer, Ganjam—			
Balance as per Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1924		28,441 6 0	
For 43,521 c.ft. at 4 annas per c.ft. supplied during the quarter ending this date		10,880 4 0	
		39,321 10 0	
Less Payments during the quarter ..		4,989 0 0	34,332 10 0
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts ..		..	3,954 7 5
Liabilities—			
For expenses		748 15 3	
For other finance		2,142 14 6	
Customers' credit balances		1,860 11 6	4,752 9 3
Profit and loss account—			
Interest reversed for the quarter ending 30th June 1924.	6,905 8 0		
Less Loss as per profit and loss account for that quarter.	2,075 12 5	4,829 11 7	
Interest reversed for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.	6,818 11 10		
Add Profit as per profit and loss account for that quarter.	1,914 8 10		
	8,733 4 8		
Less Audit expenses short provided for in the accounts.	25 13 0	8,707 7 8	
Profit for the quarter ending 31st December 1924, as per profit and loss account.	..	3,551 7 10	17,088 11 1
Total ..	..	..	5,10,058 5 4

PROPERTY AND ASSETS—*cont.*

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Motor and other conveyances	..	15,540 4 10
Stores and spare gear—		
Machinery spare parts	6,232 9 2	
Tools and stores in stock	6,809 6 1	
Tools in use	155 0 0	13,196 15 3
Stock—		
42,905·77 c.ft. cut timber	74,656 11 6	
202 c.ft. logs	50 8 0	74,707 3 6
Sundry Debtors—		
Due for timber sold considered good ..	19,157 13 1	
Due for timber sold considered doubtful.	3,954 7 5	23,112 4 6
Advances—		
For expenses and cart-hire	..	171 4 0
Cash and other balances—		
Cash with Treasury	29,322 5 11	
On hand	305 13 4	29,628 3 3
Tota ..	..	5,10,058 5 4

APPENDIX VIII

[Vide item IX (1) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

G.O. No. 967, Development, dated 6th July 1925.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 222, Development, dated 11th February 1925.
" " 176 " " 3rd February 1925.

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(2) Mitre for £14-16-9 from Rochdale.

Kindly forward one copy of each of the accounts to the Secretary to Government, Development Department.

Profit and Loss account for the quarter ending 31st December 1924—cont.

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
To Cart-hire and loading charges ..	..	104 4 10		
,, Cart-hire to Berhampur	..	2,673 10 8		
,, Charges, Calcutta	..	391 6 8		
,, Berhampur Depot expenses	..	575 11 7		
,, Managing Agents' fees	..	1,050 0 0		
,, Office establishment	..	3,436 5 7		
,, Stationery and Advertisement ..	..	172 10 8		
,, Postage and Telegrams	..	75 15 2		
,, Travelling expenses	..	316 6 3		
,, General expenses	..	33 8 4		
,, Commission on sales	..	1,053 3 2		
,, Repairs to buildings	..	158 13 8		
,, Motor-car expenses	..	259 12 11		
,, Audit fees and expenses reserved ..	..	700 0 0		
,, Depreciation on—				
Buildings	922 2 6			
Machinery	3,211 5 9			
Furniture	77 3 6			
Motor-car, etc.	1,039 9 9			
Tram line	200 0 0			
		5,450 5 6		
,, Travelling salesman	..	120 0 0		
,, Subscription to Lady Ampthill Nurses' Institute and the South Indian Nursing Association	..	50 0 0		
,, Net profit for the quarter	..	3,551 7 10		
Total ..	..	96,175 0 0	Total	96,175 0 0

N.B.—Interest has not been debited in the accounts. Interest on the Capital of Rs. 4,45,809 for the quarter at 5 per cent is Rs. 5,572-10-0.

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SCHEDULE A.

Profit and Loss adjustment for the year 1922-23.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
To Loss as per Profit and Loss account	4,638	11	7			
,, Interest paid to Messrs. Parry & Co. during construction and referred to in paragraph 3 of our report, dated 22nd March 1924, on the accounts for nine months to 31st December 1923 ..	1,344	9	0			
,, Interest debited on Capital ..	23,467	0	7			
,, Preliminary expenses	1,577	5	2			
,, Audit fee and expenses	1,223	4	3			
By Interest on Capital reversed ..	..			23,467	0	7
,, Excess of audit fee reversed as per G.O. No. 176, dated 3rd February 1925	..			450	0	0
,, Depreciation reversed	..			22	12	9
,, Net loss for 1922-23	..			8,311	1	3
	32,250	14	7	32,250	14	7

SCHEDULE B.

Profit and Loss adjustment for the year 1923-24.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
By Profit for nine months to 31st December 1923 as per Profit and Loss account	..			..			4,879	2	2
To Loss for the quarter to 31st March 1924 as per Profit and Loss account.	..			18,475	6	4	..		
To Audit fee and expenses for nine months to 31st December 1923 ..	..			1,015	9	0	..		
To Interest for nine months to 31st December 1923 paid to Messrs. Parry & Co. during construction at	1,344	9	0	..			..		
On Capital	20,125	14	0						
				21,470	7	0	..		
By above interest reversed.	..			..			21,470	7	0
By Interest for the quarter to 31st March 1924 reversed	..			..			6,708	10	0

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Profit and Loss adjustment for the year 1923-24—cont.

			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
By Excess of audit fee reversed as per Accountant-General's letter No. H.A. Comml. 12-550, dated 14th February 1925.. ..	..	..		243 12 0
By Preliminary expenses adjusted to 1922-23 account	..	..		1,577 5 2
By Depreciation reversed.	..	..		22 12 9
,, Net loss for 1923-24..	..	..		6,059 5 3
Total ..	..		40,961 6 4	40,961 6 4

Endorsement of the Acting Chief Conservator of Forests, dated Madras, the 16*th March* 1925, *Ref. No.* 1293/25-1.

Submitted to Government. If the charge for timber into the Mill were 5 annas per cubic foot instead of 4 annas, there would still be a profit—Rs. 831.

H. TIREMAN,
Acting Chief Conservator of Foress.

To the Secretary to Government, Development Department (through the Accountant-General).

III

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, Madras, H.A. Comml., No. 12-658, *dated the* 14*th May* 1925.

[Russellkonda Saw Mills—Audit report for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.]

Forwarded. The balance sheet for the quarter is reported to have been submitted direct by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

2. To audit fees and expenses reserved Rs. 700 shown in the Profit and Loss account. As the actual amount to be debited for the quarter under report is Rs. 667-15-0, the auditors may be requested to credit the difference of Rs. 32-1-0 in the Profit and Loss account of the quarter ended 31st March 1925. An extract of this paragraph is also being sent to them for information.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests has been requested to state in this office letter No. H.A. Comml. Mis. 605, dated 11th March 1925, if necessary sanction has been obtained for the following items :—

(*a*) Purchase of Simonds Wide Bandsaws for § 672·12 (Rs. 2,050-12-0) from New York.

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(b) Mitre for £14-16-9 from Rochdale.

(c) Subscription to Lady Ampthill Nurses' Institute and the South Indian Nursing Association—Rs. 50.

4. The Chief Conservator will also be asked to say if sanction exists for the expenditure of Rs. 120 for travelling salesman.

Order—No. 967, *Development, dated* 6*th July* 1925.

Recorded.

2. As the actual amount of audit fees and expenses to be debited for the quarter under report is Rs. 667-15-0, Messrs. Fraser & Ross are requested to credit the difference of Rs. 32-1-0 in the Profit and Loss account for the quarter ending 31st March 1925.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

G. T. H. BRACKEN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant-General
,, the Finance Department.
,, Messrs. Fraser & Ross.
,, the Auditor-General (with C.L.).
,, the Secretary, Legislative Council, for placing the Government Order on Council table.

APPENDIX IX.

[Vide item IX (2) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

(i)

Proceedings of the Twentieth meeting of the Finance Committee, 1924-25, *held on Friday the* 20*th March* 1925 *at* 1-30 *p.m. in the Cabinet Chamber, Fort St. George.*

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM, C.S.I., I.C.S. (Chairman).

M.R.Ry. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR Avargal, M.L.C.

,, P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI Avargal, M.L.C.

,, M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR Avargal, M.L.C.

R. W. DAVIES, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.

Messrs. G. T. H. Bracken, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Development Department and V. T. Krishnama Achariyar, Secretary to Government, Law Department, were also present

Further demands for 1925-26.

Establishment of a remand home in Madras for children dealt with under the Madras Children Act—

	RS.
Average cost	8,040
Cost in 1925-26	6,900

The Committee recommended that the scheme be introduced but advised that, in the first instance, one probation officer be appointed and not two.

	RS.
2. (i) Purchase of power drills for the pumping and boring branch of the Industries Department.	69,000
(ii) Payment of bonus to the stamping establishment employed in the mufassal	1,300
Total ..	70,300

The Committee recommended that a further demand be moved.

3. Grant XXIII. Cinchona—56-C.a.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development—Investment on Government Commercial undertakings—Cinchona, Rs. 40,000.

The Committee recommended that a further demand be moved.

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Supplementary demand.

4. "46. Stationery and Printing—Transferred"—

	RS.
(i) Stationery articles supplied to the Transferred departments	10,000
(ii) Printing at private presses	100
Total ..	10,100

The Committee recommended that a supplementary demand be moved.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th March* 1925.

R. A. GRAHAM.

(ii)

Proceedings of the Twenty-first meeting of the Finance Committee for 1924–25 *held on Thursday the* 26*th March* 1925 *at* 1-30 *p.m. in the Cabinet Room, Fort St. George.*

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM, C.S.I., I.C.S. (Chairman).

M.R.Ry. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR Avargal, M.L.C.

" C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR Avargal, M.L.C.

" P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI Avargal, M.L.C.

R. W. DAVIES, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.

Mr. E. W. LEGH, I.C.S., Second Secretary to Government, was also present.

Scheme for introduction in 1924–25.

Andamans—Mappilla convicts—Settlement in—Grant of Rs. 10,000.

The Committee expressed the opinion that the expenditure should be a charge on Central Revenues. In view, however, of the circumstances

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(*b*) Mitre for £14-16-9 from Rochdale.

(*c*) Subscription to Lady Ampthill Nurses' Institute and the South Indian Nursing Association—Rs. 50.

4. The Chief Conservator will also be asked to say if sanction exists for the expenditure of Rs. 120 for travelling salesman.

Order—No. 967, *Development, dated* 6*th July* 1925.

Recorded.

2. As the actual amount of audit fees and expenses to be debited for the quarter under report is Rs. 667-15-0, Messrs. Fraser & Ross are requested to credit the difference of Rs. 32-1-0 in the Profit and Loss account for the quarter ending 31st March 1925.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

G. T. H. BRACKEN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant-General
,, the Finance Department.
,, Messrs. Fraser & Ross.
,, the Auditor-General (with C.L.).
,, the Secretary, Legislative Council, for placing the Government Order on Council table.

APPENDIX IX.

[Vide item IX (2) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

(i)

Proceedings of the Twentieth meeting of the Finance Committee, 1924-25, *held on Friday the* 20*th March* 1925 *at* 1-30 *p.m. in the Cabinet Chamber, Fort St. George.*

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM, C.S.I., I.C.S. (Chairman).

M.R.Ry. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR Avargal, M.L.C.

,, P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI Avargal, M.L.C.

,, M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR Avargal, M.L.C.

R. W. DAVIES, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.

Messrs. G. T. H. Bracken, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Development Department and V. T. Krishnama Achariyar, Secretary to Government, Law Department, were also present

Further demands for 1925-26.

Establishment of a remand home in Madras for children dealt with under the Madras Children Act—

	RS.
Average cost	8,040
Cost in 1925-26	6,900

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B. TEMPORARY.

(i) Extensions of previous sanctions.

Department and designation of the post.	Pay per mensem.	Period of tenure.	Remarks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	General Administration.		
	RS.		
Chief Secretariat—			
Deputy Secretary.	Grade pay in the Indian Civil Service cadre plus special pay of Rs. 200.	From the 1st March 1925 to the 30th June 1925.	Originally created in March 1924.
Finance Secretariat—			
Special officer for a test check of the contingent expenditure in selected offices.	500—30—800	For two months from the 1st January 1925.	Originally created in October 1923.
	Administration of Justice.		
Additional Sessions Judge, Agency.	1,500 plus overseas pay of £30 plus Judicial pay of Rs. 150.	For six months from the 1st February 1925.	Originally created in February 1923.
	Police.		
Special Superintendent of Police for Kallar reclamation in Madura and Ramnad districts.	650	For one year from the 12th February 1925.	Originally created in October 1920.
	Public Health.		
Director of Town-Planning.	1,750—100—1,950	For three years from the 7th December 1924.	Originally created in 1921.

(ii) Temporary posts newly created.

Department and designation of the post.	Pay per mensem.	Period of tenure.	Remarks.
	General Administration.		
Chief Secretariat—			
Special officer.	1,300	From the 4th January 1925 to the 24th March 1925.	

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Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks (4)

B. TEMPORARY—*cont.*

(ii) TEMPORARY POSTS NEWLY CREATED—*cont.*

General Administration—cont.

Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks (4)
Chief Secretariat—cont.			
	RS.		
Secretary to Government.	2,750 plus overseas pay of £30.	From the 1st February 1925 up to the termination of the March session of the Legislative Assembly.	Created on account of the deputation of the Hon'ble Mr. T. E Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
Special officer.	2,500 plus overseas pay of £30 plus special pay of Rs. 250.	From the 30th March 1925 to the 20th May 1925.	Created in connection with the separation of functions of the Chief Engineer from those of Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department.
Finance Secretariat—			
Special officer for Control of Expenditure.	500—35—850	For four months from the 1st March 1925.	Created to assist in the introduction of the scheme for control of expenditure.
Collector ..	1,900 plus overseas pay of £50.	From the 3rd February 1925 to the 31st March 1925.	Created in connection with the bifurcation of the Kistna district.
Do. ..	2,800	From the 8th to the 28th March 1925.	Created on account of the deputation of Mr. P. C Dutt, I.C.S., as a Member of the Council of State.

Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks. (4)

B. TEMPORARY—*cont.*

(ii) TEMPORARY POSTS NEWLY CREATED—*cont.*

Administration of Justice.

Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks. (4)
	RS.		
District Judge.	1,950	From the 27th July 1924 to the 15th August 1924.	Created on account of the deputation of M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur C.V. Viswanatha Sastri as a co-opted member of the Civil Justice Committee. [Orders were issued only in February 1925.]
Do. ..	2,050	From the 20th January 1925 to date of termination of the March session of the Legislative Assembly.	Created on account of the deputation of M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur C. V. Viswanatha Sastri as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
Additional Sessions Judge, Coimbatore.	Grade pay of District Judge plus Judicial pay of Rs. 150.	For two months from the 12th March 1925.	
Additional Sessions Judge, Salem	Do.	From the 6th to the 25th April 1925.	

Civil Works.

Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks. (4)
Executive Engineer for work in connexion with the Coimbatore water-supply scheme.	1,325	One month (March 1925).	

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Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks. (4)

B. TEMPORARY—*cont.*

(ii) TEMPORARY POSTS NEWLY CREATED—*cont.*

Civil Works—cont.

Department and designation of the post. (1)	Pay per mensem. (2)	Period of tenure. (3)	Remarks. (4)
	RS.		
Executive Engineer for charge of the special construction division constituted for work in connexion with the Cauvery Irrigation system	1,475	From February 1925 to the end of March 1926.	

J. B. BROWN,
Deputy Secy. to Govt., Finance Dept.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide item IX (4) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

(i)

G.O. Mis. No. 181 *I., dated* 23*rd April* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council has authorized an expenditure of Rs. 4 lakhs during the current year on the Kattalai Right Bank Canal scheme, Trichinopoly district, chargeable to the head '55. Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage works—Productive'.

(ii)

G.O. Mis. No. 186 *I., dated* 27*th April* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council has authorized an expenditure of Rs. 1 lakh during the current year on the work 'Constructing locks and regulators across the Ellore and Bandar canals at 1 m. 16 ch. and 1/0 190 feet, respectively', Kistna Central division, chargeable to the head '55. Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage works—Productive'.

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(iii)

G.O. Mis. No. 187 *I., dated 27th April* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council has authorized an expenditure of Rs. 2 lakhs during the current year on the Polavaram Island project, Godavari district, chargeable to the head '55. Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage works—Productive'.

(iv)

G.O. Mis. No. 216 *I*, *dated* 19*th May* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes an expenditure of Rs. 86,000 during the current year on urgent protective works required at the Periyar headworks under the head 'XIII. Working expenses—Productive—Periyar system'.

(v)

G.O. Mis. No. 217 *I., dated* 19*th May* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes an expenditure during the current year of Rs. 50,000 on 'Improvements to the down-stream apron of the Pennar anicut at Adinimayapalle' Madanapalle division, under the head 'XIII. Working expenses—Unproductive—Kurnool-Cuddapah canal', and of Rs. 9,000 on 'Reforming the left flood bank of the Bahuda river', Ganjam division, under the head '15. Other revenue expenditure financed from ordinary revenues'.

(vi)

G.O. Mis. No. 330 *I., dated* 20*th July* 1925.

Under section 72-D (2) (*b*) of the Government of India Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes an expenditure during the current year of Rs. 44,150 in connexion with the investigation of hydro-electric schemes, under the head '30. Scientific departments—A. Hydro-electric Surveys'.

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Appendix XII.

[Vide item IX (5) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

Development Department.

With reference to the undertaking given by the Hon'ble the Minister for Development on 5th March 1925, the accompanying statement giving the names, caste, educational and other qualifications of the Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies appointed for 1924–25 is placed on the Council table :—

Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies for 1924–25 with their caste, educational and other qualifications.

Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
1	Anantapur..	1. M.R.Ry. Basavanna Gowd Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu, Lingayat.	..	1. Member of the governing body of the Kambadur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Connected with the co-operative movement for 15 years.
2	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. N. Bhimasena Rao Garu.	Brahman.	..	1. Member of the governing body of the Kalyandrug Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Connected with the co-operative movement for 15 years.
3	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. Locherla Gangadhara Sastri Garu	Do. ..	..	1. Secretary, Co-operative Town Bank, Limited, Hindupur. 2. Secretary, Parigi Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited, Hindupur. 3. Director, Anantapur Co-operative District Bank, Limited. 4. Member of Executive Committee of Co-operative Union Representatives.
4	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao Garu.	Do. ..	..	1. Connected with the co-operative movement for the past eight years. 2. Secretary, Tanakal Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. Director, Anantapur Co-operative District Bank, Limited.
5	Arcot, North.	1. M.R.Ry. K. M. Singaravelu Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu	Read up to Matriculation class.	1. Secretary, Kalavai Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Member, Executive Committee, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited. 3. Member, Executive Committee, Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, Vellore.

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Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies for 1924–25 with their caste, educational and other qualifications—*cont.*

Serial number. (1)	District (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
6	Arcot, North.	2. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib V. A. Arunachala Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Read up to Lower Secondary class.	1. President, Vadaganur Co-operative Society. 2. President, Wandiwash Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. President, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited, Vellore.
7	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur V. Murugesa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Do. ..	Read up to Matriculation class.	1. President, Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited, Vellore. 2. Secretary, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited, Vellore. 3. Vice-President, Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, Vellore.
8	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. P. Sama Ayyar Avargal.	Brahman.	Do. ..	1. President, Polur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited, Polur. 2. Member, Executive Committee, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited, Vellore
9	Do. ..	5. M.R.Ry. V. Manikka Mudaliyar Avergal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Read up to Lower Secondary class.	1. President, Ambur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Member, Executive Committee, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited, Vellore.
10	Arcot, South.	1. M.R.Ry. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L.	Brahman.	B.A., B.L.	1. Secretary, Tirukkoyilur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Secretary, Tirukkoyilur Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.
11	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. T. K. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal.	Do. ..	Second-grade Pleader.	1. President, Tindivanam Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited. 2. President, Tindivanam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
12	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. K. Sitarama Reddiyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., M.L.C.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A., B.L.	Director, South Arcot District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.
13	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib Kolundaivelu Odayar Avargal	Do. ..	..	1. President, Agricultural and Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, Kallakurichi taluk. 2. President, Kallakurichi Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
14	Arcot, South	5. M.R.Ry. M. G. Parthasarathi Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu	Second-grade Pleader.	1. Secretary, Vriddhachalam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Secretary, Vriddhachalam Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.
15	Bellary ..	1. M.R.Ry. A. D. Tandu Mudaliyar Avargal.	Do.	..	1. Member, Hospet Co-operative Town Bank, Limited. 2. Member, Hospet Co-operative Building Society, Limited. 3. Member, Hospet Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.
16	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. H. Basavanna Gowd Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu, Lingayat.	..	1. Secretary, Hadagalli Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Hospet Co-operative Central Bank, Limited. 3. Member, Hadagalli Co-operative Society.
17	Chingleput.	1. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Arulayya Nayudu Garu.	Roman Catholic Christian.	..	Connected with the Co-operative movement ever since it was started.
18	Do.	2. M.R.Ry. C. Sambasiva Chettiyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	1. Secretary, Conjeeveram Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Secretary, Co-operative District Federation of Unions, Limited, Conjeeveram.
19	Do.	3. M.R.Ry. K. Venugopala Mudaliyar Avargal.	Do.	..	President, Madurantakam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
20	Do.	4. M.R.Ry. P. Venkataswami Mudaliyar Avargal.	Do.	Matriculate.	Secretary, Ponneri Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
21	Do.	5. M.R.Ry. Veeraraghavulu Bahadur.	Adi-Dravida.	..	President, St. Thomas' Mount Co-operative Society.
22	Do.	6. V. S. Mark, Esq.	Christian, Protestant.	..	1. Secretary, Sanaputtur Co-operative Society. 2. Member of the governing body of the Ponneri Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
23	Chittoor ..	1. M.R.Ry. T. C. Muniswami Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	1. President, Tiruvelangadu Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Tiruvelangadu Co-operative Society.

Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies for 1924–25 with their caste, educational and other qualifications—*cont.*

Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
					3. Director, District Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, Chittoor. 4. Member of the Executive Committee of the District Committee of Union Representatives, Chittoor.
24	Chittor ..	2. M.R.Ry. T. N. Ramakrishna Reddi Garu, B.A., B.L.	Non-Brahman, Kapu.	B.A., B.L.	1. Director, Chittoor Co-operative Town Bank, Limited. 2. Member of the Executive Committee of the Chittoor Co-operative Central Bank, Limited. 3. Member of the governing body of the Chittoor Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
25	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. G. Peddappa Reddi Garu.	Do.	Undergraduate.	Secretary, Madanapalle Co-operative Town Bank, Limited.
26	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. N. Narayana Reddi Garu.	Do.	Studied up to Matriculation class.	Member of the governing body of the Vayalpad Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
27	Coimbatore.	1. M.R.Ry. S. Rajaratna Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu, Vellala.	..	1. President, Kottur Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited. 2. President, Kottur Malayandipatnam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
28	Do.	2. M.R.Ry. T. Srinivasa Mudaliyar Avargal, B.A, B.L.	Do.	B.A., B.L.	1. President, Erode Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited. 2. President, Erode Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
29	Do.	3. M.R.Ry. M. A. Andamuthu Gownder.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	1. President, Perundurai Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Appichimarmaduthupalayam Co-operative Society.
30	Cuddapah ..	1. M.R.Ry. P. Seshacharlu Garu.	Brahman.	Sanskrit Scholar.	President, Rayachoti Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
31	Do. ..	2. Rev. L. J. Thomas.	Christian.	..	Missionary of the London Mission Society.
32	Do. ..	3. Rev. M. Ephraim.	Do.	Cambridge Theological graduate	Missionary of the S.P.G. Mission Society.
33	Ganjam ..	1. M.R.Ry. Koka Appa Rao Nayudu Garu, B.A., B.L.	Non-Brahman Hindu, Adi Velama.	B.A., B.L.	Member, Berhampur Co-operative Urban Bank.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
34	Ganjam ..	2. M.R.Ry. Veerabhadraswami Garu.	Non-Brahman Vaisya.	..	President, Narasannapeta Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
35	Godavari .	1. M.R.Ry. C. Seshagiri Rao Garu, M.R.A.S.	Brahman.	Matriculate.	President, Kotipalli Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
36	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. V. Kameswara Rao Garu.	Do.	Studied up to III form.	President, Pittapuram Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
37	Guntur ..	1. M.R.Ry. K. Kesava Reddi Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	Ex-President, Dachepalli Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
38	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. G. Simhachalam Pantulu Garu.	Brahman	..	Secretary, Narasaraopet Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
39	Do. ..	3. G. Premayya Garu, M.L.C.	Indian Christian.	Hol s Diploma in Agriculture (American University).	
40	Do. ..	4. Rev. G. R. Haaf, M.A.	American Protestant Christian.	M.A. ..	President, Economic Section, A E L. Mission Council.
41	Kanara (South).	1. M.R.Ry. K. L. Bhandari Avargal, B.A.	Hindu Gowd Saraswat Brahman.	B.A. ..	1. Secretary, Coondapur Co-operative Town Bank, Limited. 2. Secretary, Coondapur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. Director, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited.
42	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. G. Venugopala Rao Avargal.	Do.	F.A. Pleader.	1. Secretary, Puttur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited.
43	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. M. Ramakrishna Avargal.	Non-Brahman Billaver.	..	1. Secretary, Suratkal Co-operative Society. 2. President, Mangalore Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3 Director, Executive Committee Members of the South Kanara Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
					4. Director, Co-operative District Council of Supervision, Limited. 5. Director, Sadananda Co-operative Printing Works, Limited.
44	Kistna ..	1. M.R.Ry K. Nagabhushanam Nayudu Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Matriculate.	Member, Ponangi Co-operative Society.
45	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. T.V.L. Narasimhacharlu Garu, M.A., L.T.	Brahman.	M.A., L.T.	1. Director, Kistna Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, Masulipatam. 2. Member, Masulipatam Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.
46	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. C. Venkataswami Garu.	Adi-Andhra.	..	President, Chittigudur Adi-Andhra Co-operative Society.
47	Do. ..	4. Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib Bahadur.	Muhammadan.		1. President, Ellore Muslim Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited. 2. Retired Registrar of Assurances.
48	Kurnool ..	1. Khan Sahib Jamman Hussain Khan Sahib Bahadur.	Do.	Matriculate.	Retired Deputy Collector.
49	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. Balaji Singh Garu.	Non-Brahman Kshatriya.	..	President, Peapally Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
50	Madras ..	1. M.R.Ry. G. Sriram Babu Garu, B.A.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A. ..	1. Joint Secretary, Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, Limited. 2. Secretary, Pudupet Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
51	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chetti Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu, Vaisya.	..	Interested in Co-operative Societies for the depressed classes.
52	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja Avargal, M.L.C.	Adi-Dravida.	..	Do.
53	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. P. Ramanathan Avargal, B.A., M.R.A.S.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A. ..	1. President, Central Co-operative Printing Works, Limited, Chintadripet. 2. President, Vellala Co-operative Society.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
54	Madras ..	5. M.R.Ry. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu Garu, B.A., B.L.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A., B.L.	Treasurer, Nariancadu Co-operative Society.
55	Do. ..	6. M.R.Ry. A. Somasundara Mudaliyar Avargal.	Do.	..	Interested in co-operative societies.
56	Do. ..	7. M.R.Ry. S. G. Rangaramanujam Avargal, B.A., B.L	Do.	B.A., B.L.	Vice-President, Triplicane Co-operative Bank, Limited.
57	Madura ..	1. M.R.Ry. M. V. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A.	Brahman.	B.A.	1. Director, Melur Co-operative Bank, Limited. 2. Director, Melur Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Society, Limited.
58	Do ..	2. M.R.Ry. L. Dharmaraja Ayyar Avargal, B.A.	Do.	B.A.	1. Secretary, Periakulam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited 2. Director, Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.
59	Malabar ..	1. M.R.Ry. Kandunni Nayar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	President, Valappad Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
60	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. M. C. Udayavarma Rajah Avargal.	Do.	..	President, Perintalmanna Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
61	Nellore ..	1. M.R.Ry. O. Viswanadha Rao Pantulu Garu, B.A., B.L.	Brahman.	B.A., B.L.	1. President, South Pennar Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Nellore Co-operative District Bank, Limited.
62	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. P. Venkatasubba Reddi Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	President, Gudur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
63	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. M. R. Chalapathi Rao Garu.	Do.	Matriculate.	Retired Chief Inspector of Co-operative Societies.
64	Do. ..	4. Muhammad S. Abdur Rahiman Sahib Bahadur.	Muhammadan.	..	Secretary, Nellore Muslim Co-operative Society.
65	Nilgiris, The	M.R.Ry. H. Ari Gowder Avargal, B.A., M.L.C.	Badaga.	B.A. ..	President, Nilgiris Co-operative Labour Union, Limited.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
66	Ramnad ..	1. M.R.Ry. R. G. Nallakuttalam Pillai Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Upper Secondary ; 2nd grade Pleader.	1. Director, Srivilliputhur Co-operative Central Banking Union, Limited. 2. President, Srivilliputhur Co-operative Trading Union, Limited.
67	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. P. A. Subramania Ayyar Avargal.	Brahman.	Matriculate.	1. Secretary, Tirupattur Co-operative Town Bank, Limited. 2. Secretary, Tirupattur Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. Director, Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.
68	Salem ..	1. M.R.Ry. P. L. Ramaswami Naicker Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	F.A. ..	President, Pagalpatti Co-operative Society.
69	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. N. V. Krishniah Chettiyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Vaisya.	..	Secretary, Salem Co-operative Urban Society, Limited.
70	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. E. Subramania Pillai Avargal, B.A.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A. ..	Secretary, Hosur Co-operative Town Bank, Limited.
71	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. M. K. Sitarama Chettiyar, Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu Vaisya.	..	President, Sendamangalam Co-operative Society.
72	Tanjore ..	1. M.R.Ry. S. Venugopala Nayudu Garu, B.A., B.L.	Non-Brahman Hindu	B.A., B.L.	1. President, Pattukottai Co-operative Labour Union, Limited. 2. President, Pattukottai Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. President, Pattukottai Co-operative Society Urban Bank, Limited. 4 Director, Tanjore District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.
73	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib A. Sethurama Ayyar Avargal.	Brahman	Holds Diploma in Agriculture	1. Secretary, Tanjore District Co-operative Manure Society, Limited, Nidamangalam. 2. Secretary, Nidamangalam Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 3. Secretary, Nidamangalam Co-operative Agricultural Bank, Limited. 4. Director, Tanjore District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.

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Serial number. (1)	District. (2)	Name of Honorary Assistant Registrar. (3)	Caste. (4)	Educational qualifications. (5)	Other qualifications. (6)
74	Tanjore ..	3. M.R.Ry. C. S. Srinivasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Matriculate.	1. President, Shiyali Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Kumbakonam Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.
75	Do. ..	4. M.R.Ry. T. M.C. Kuppuswami Vandayar Avargal.	Kallar ..	..	Director, Nicholson Co-operative Town Bank, Limited.
76	Do. ..	5. M.R.Ry. N. Panchapagesa Ayyar Avargal, B.A., L.T.	Brahman.	B.A., L.T.	1. Secretary, Tirukattupalli Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Secretary, Tirukattupalli Co-operative Trading Union, Limited. 3. Director, Tanjore District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited. 4. Director, Tirukkattupalli Co-operative Society.
77	Tinnevelly ..	1. M.R.Ry. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar Avargal.	Do.	..	1. President, Chintamoni Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Chintamoni Co-operative Society. 3. Director, Tinnevelly District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.
78	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. M. Veerabhadra Pillai Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	1. President, Ottapidaram Hemingway Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Tinnevelly District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.
79	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. M. Sankarapandia Reddiyar Avargal	Do.	..	1. Secretary, Koilpatti Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. Director, Tinnevelly District Co-operative Banking Union, Limited.
80	Trichinopoly.	1. M.R.Ry. T. Nataraja Pillai Avargal.	Do.	Matriculate.	1. President, Lalgudi Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Lalgudi Co-operative Society.
81	Do. ..	2. M.R.Ry. M.R. Sethuratnam Ayyar Avargal, M.L.C.	Brahman.	Do.	1. President, Kulitalai Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Kulitalai Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.
82	Do. ..	3. M.R.Ry. P. Manikkam Chettiyar Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	President, T. Paloor Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.

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83	Trichinopoly	4. M.R.Ry. P. K. Vaidyalingam Pillai Avargal.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	..	President, Jayankondacholapuram South Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited.
84	Vizagapatam	M.R.Ry. D. Venkatapathi Raju Garu.	Non-Brahman Hindu Kshatriya.	Matriculate.	1. President, Polepalli Co-operative Supervising Union, Limited. 2. President, Tallavalasa Co-operative Society.
85	Agency ..	M.R.Ry. S. V. Yegnanarayana Pantulu Garu.	Brahman	Do.	1. Revenue Divisional Supervisor in the Jeypore Samasthanam. 2. Active worker in the field of Co-operation in the Agency District.
86	Tanjore and Trichinopoly.	M.R.Ry. K. G. Sivaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A.	Do.	B.A. ..	Joint Secretary, Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, Limited.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th March 1925.

G. T. H. BRACKEN,
Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX XIII.

[Vide item IX (6) Communications to the Council on page 69 supra.]

Resolution passed at the meeting of the Committee appointed in April 1925 *to consider the question of the safeguards that should be provided for and the conditions that should be imposed on the holder of the office of President of the Legislative Council.*

"The Committee agreed that it was desirable to lay down by convention rather than by legislation that the President should not engage in any remunerative avocation other than his office.

"The Committee, while expressing its opinion that the office should be above all parties and ultimately have a fair security of tenure and a pension, if possible and necessary, attached to it, was inclined to defer legislative or other action until public opinion and the experience of our own and other legislatures had been brought to bear on the subject."

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Council.